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On the Cover: Representing over 20 years of leadership, SU Presidents Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Charles Wight and Carolyn Ringer Lepre came together on the occasion of the passing of the University's mace to Dr. Lepre as a symbol of the transition between presidents.

Letter from the President

Dear Sea Gulls,

Many thanks for welcoming me as the next president of Salisbury University. As many of our graduates know, SU is a friendly and inviting campus, and I am so grateful that my husband, Todd, and I already have experienced that same warmth and support.

I have spent the last two decades of my life at institutions of higher education, most recently serving as interim president, and provost and vice president for academic affairs, at Radford University in Virginia. What motivates me is being able to work with the next generation of students – and I am excited to see them set their dreams in motion at SU.

In the coming months, I look forward to getting to know you, our accomplished alumni, as well as our current students, faculty and staff. Over and over, I hear it's the people who really make Salisbury the outstanding institution it is. I want to support our students and employees in the work they are doing – and I'll also be cheering for our championship student-athletes and coaches!

SU's mission closely aligns with my own values. Diversity and inclusivity are essential to any university as they provide an environment in which students can become creative problem solvers and critical thinkers. I am eager to build on our reputation as a proudly student-centered regional comprehensive institution that enriches the lives of its students and its community and assures that all students feel welcomed and valued.

The past few years have been challenging for our nation, and I am grateful to President Charles Wight for providing thoughtful, steady leadership for SU during this time. He shares some reflections on his four years at SU later in *SUMagazine* (see page 10).

This edition showcases the incredible generosity of alumni, donors and friends who supported "We Are SU: The Campaign for Salisbury University." The largest fundraising effort in SU history, the campaign has exceeded its \$75 million goal, and Dr. Wight and I look forward to celebrating this success with the greater SU community this fall.

Also, inside these pages are spotlights on outstanding alumni, including *American Idol* star Jay Copeland '20 and recipients of the 2022 SU Alumni Association Awards, who were recognized for their success, leadership and service.

We spotlight our legacy families – multiple generations of parents and students who embraced an SU education. This fall, I am looking forward to welcoming one of the largest incoming classes in SU history. (The admissions process is very familiar to me, as my twin daughters, Sarah and Ainsley, recently started their own college experiences!)

I've been known to say that standing still is going backward – and I'm excited that SU is moving boldly forward toward its centennial celebration in 2025. Together, I hope we can lay the foundation for SU's next 100 years.

Please mark your calendars for Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend on October 28-30. I look forward to meeting many of you as you visit campus and re-engage with your Alma Mater. Thank you for the privilege of leading our campus of tomorrow makers. Together, we are SU!

Sincerely,



Dr. Carolyn R. Lepre
President, Salisbury University



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WE ARE SU

THE CAMPAIGN FOR SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

Campus Community Comes Together to Make *We Are SU* Campaign a Success

One of the most powerful things about Salisbury University is its community. When “We Are SU: The Campaign for Salisbury University” publicly launched in June 2019, the SU community – students, faculty and staff, families, friends and alumni – came together to celebrate the opportunity to invest in the future for everyone who calls the campus home.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

\$75,340,788

This successful over \$75 million fundraising campaign, the largest in SU’s nearly 100-year history, was all about people.

“The philanthropic community that surrounds SU continues to provide such important support for this institution as we fulfill our mission of public higher education,” said SU President Charles Wight, under whose tenure the campaign was successfully launched and completed. “You make it possible for us to change the lives of our students, by providing much-needed scholarships and resources for their dedicated faculty and staff mentors. So many important efforts would not be possible without your support.”

Alumni support is a measure of an institution’s strength. Yes, we met our campaign goal – but most importantly, we met our goal of supporting and connecting the people who are SU.

Transforming Tomorrow

SU's alumni are its legacy. They are the teachers in our classrooms, nurses in our hospitals, civil servants in our government and entrepreneurs creating jobs in our communities. But at one time, they were students preparing for the future ahead of them.

SU produces the continuous learners who will be an integral part of our society in generations ahead, and the resources the University provides help spark their potential. During the campaign, alumni donors made it possible for us to change the lives of our students by providing much-needed support that not only provides crucial learning experiences but strengthens SU's ties to the community.

The contributions of SU alumni are immeasurable. They have remembered their time as students and how SU helped them chart their course, and they have given back with scholarships to help current students in the same position they once were. Some alumni have gone on to establish their own businesses. They continue to donate so hundreds more SU students can become the entrepreneurs of the future – and some even get the opportunity to hire graduates of their Alma Mater.

"I love SU, and everyone knows it," said Gary Desjardins '88, who donated through his company to establish the Strat-Wealth Financial Planning Scholarship. "This University is the best thing Salisbury has



to offer. I wanted to support other students who are studying through SU's Perdue School of Business, which is absolutely outstanding."

Others have dedicated gifts in honor of their loved ones that have made it possible for students to continue their degrees. Thanks to one alumnus, a student in SU's Nursing Program was awarded with a scholarship that paid her tuition for a full year.

Victoria Sorrels '22 was chosen by nursing faculty from 67 nursing majors demonstrating financial need to receive the scholarship from Gary White '58 in honor of his late wife Marilyn. Sorrels discovered her love for nursing in high school and worked diligently to be accepted into SU's Nursing Program. She was raised along with her two siblings by a single mother, who she knew was struggling to send three kids to college. When she was called to be notified that she would be receiving the scholarship, Gary was present on the phone



call to surprise her.

"It was such an amazing moment and a complete blessing to me, and he did it out of the kindness of his heart," Sorrels said. "It's amazing to think there are people out there like that. I'll remember him and his wife when I become a nurse."

The impact alumni have made goes beyond scholarships that make pursuing an education possible. Many have made gifts to establish resources and programs



that enrich students' learning experiences, creating a legacy that will impact the campus community now and in the future.

In 2017, local philanthropists Dave and Patsy Rommel announced a \$5.5 million gift to support the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business and the Dave and Patsy Rommel Center for Entrepreneurship at SU Downtown, which benefits not only students, but community members and local small business owners. At the center, local entrepreneurs have the chance to share their expertise, resources and insights while connecting with those who represent a new generation of business leaders.

"For many years, I've seen the value SU and its graduates have brought to this area," said Dave, an SU Foundation, Inc. board member and campaign chair. "Providing new opportunities for more students will allow the University to have an even greater impact on our region, our state and beyond. That's really what this campaign is about: producing highly educated graduates who will become the leaders, entrepreneurs and workers of tomorrow."

Bob and Glenda Clarke began their story at SU in 1968, when they met in the registration line during their first year of college. Since then, they have remained



Dave and Patsy Rommel

invested in both education and people. In 2020, they announced a \$1.5 million planned gift to benefit the Honors College, which was named in their honor.

Fifty years from now, just as Bob and Glenda returned to campus a half-century after they met at SU, today's honors students may come back and tell future generations how proud they were to be among the first enrolled in the Glenda Chatham and Robert G. Clarke Honors College.

"We value education so much, and, of course, SU stands for education," Glenda said. "We wanted to invest in something that would be there long after we're gone."

After graduating from SU, Dan '94 and

Stacey Quinn '91 have continued their strong connection with the University. Dan Quinn '94 has had an incredible NFL career, holding defensive coaching positions with four NFL teams and leading the Seattle Seahawks and Atlanta Falcons to the Super Bowl. Now, he is defensive coordinator for the Dallas Cowboys.

Dan and Stacey said when they think back on their time at SU, they think about the people and relationships they had with coaches and mentors like Pat Lamboni, Mike Vienna, Robb Disbennett and Joe Rotellini. Together, they gave \$200,000 to create three separate Quinn Family Endowments for Football Excellence, Track & Field Excellence and Athletic Training Excellence.

Many at SU remember alumnus and entrepreneur Donnie Williams. As a developer, he established several off-campus student housing complexes in Salisbury, including University Townhouses, Cedar Crossing, Varsity Lane and Williams Landing. He continued to serve as a community leader until his passing on May 17, 2012. Exactly one decade later, SU honored his legacy by announcing the renaming of its varsity baseball complex as Donnie Williams Sea Gull Baseball Stadium.

"Donnie was a lifelong baseball fan and also supported SU Athletics," said Linda Slacum, whose planned gift to the University made the naming possible. "He always spoke so highly of his time at SU and was a member of the President's Club until his passing. This felt like a perfect fit."



Shaping Success

The success of the campaign was due in part to the existing culture of philanthropy that SU promotes. During each Giving Day, Sea Gulls around the world – alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends – come together to support and celebrate the schools, programs and causes that are important to them. Thanks to the efforts of every donor, no matter what their connection to the University, and every gift, no matter what the amount, Giving Day fundraising continues to surpass its goal.

This year, 2,588 supporters gave \$255,002.66. With matching gift and challenge commitments of \$19,000 and a matching gift of \$73,060.39 provided by generous alumni donors Wayne '89 and Melissa '89 Judkins, Sea Gulls together raised more than \$347,000.

Many donors also gave directly to SU's Student Emergency Fund. In the first year of the campaign's public phase, over 200 alumni and others contributed more than \$50,000 to the fund, along with grants from the University System of Maryland Foundation and the SU Foundation.

The fund exists to help students who encounter unexpected hardships continue their education; and when the COVID-19 pandemic abruptly hit, these funds were needed more than ever. Gifts to this cause helped students struggling financially related to housing, medications and care, education- and technology-related expenses, travel needs, loss of employment, food insecurity, and more.

Faculty and staff also contribute to the Greatest Need Fund to make the most difference in a student's life. Gifts to the fund support scholarships, library acquisitions, technology upgrades and other areas of need. No matter the amount, each gift from SU employees adds up to make a great impact. Additionally, this strong foundation of giving within the University sends an important message to donors in the community.

Opening SU's doors to students with all different experiences – including first-generation attendees and others from diverse backgrounds – enriches the entire campus community and enables

remarkable young people to pursue their dreams. This spirit of philanthropy can be seen even among current students, who run programs and lead organizations to support their fellow Sea Gulls.

Food for the Flock started in 2018 as a student volunteer effort, with the intent to decrease food insecurity among students, while also offering cosmetics and cleaning supplies. Now, the center has grown into a collaboration between the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE), SU's ShoreCorps AmeriCorps program, and student volunteers.

An initiative of the SU Student Government Association, the Career Closet program allows students to borrow professional clothing to wear for job interviews and career fairs. Support for the program came from the SU Class of 2018 senior gift. More than \$2,000 raised by the graduating seniors was used to buy new clothing.

"I am in awe of the philanthropic spirit of our SU community," said Jason Curtin '98, vice president for advancement and external affairs, and executive director of the SU Foundation, Inc. "It was truly astounding to see such generous support, particularly as the fiscal year closed amid a pandemic and economic uncertainty. It speaks to the culture of philanthropy we have been building at Salisbury and I'm excited for our continued success in the future."



GIVING DAY TOTALS:

- \$255,002.66** Dollars Raised
- \$92,060.39** Matching/Challenge Funds
- \$347,000** Total Amount Raised
- 3,332** Gifts Made
- 2,588** Unique Donors
- 257** Causes Supported

SAVE THE DATE:

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Creating Connections

SU is an integral part of the Eastern Shore, not only educating students but serving as a resource for the community, with centers and institutes, events and activities, performing ensembles and artists, and countless opportunities for learning and interaction. Through these resources, the University's reach extends far beyond the campus.

SU means something different to everyone. Some earned their degrees here or supported a family member or child who studied here. Some hire SU graduates and want to see the City of Salisbury prosper and grow. Some use the Nabb Research Center, listen to Delmarva Public Media, or attend the cultural events, performances and exhibits on campus. Some may remember the campus elementary school or know dedicated faculty and staff from over the years. Others simply want to support the growth of our academic programs and research in such areas that matter most to them, such as education, business, health and human services, the sciences or the liberal arts.

No matter what their connection to the University, they are all part of the Sea Gull family. Creating opportunities, inspiring action and playing a vital role in the area they call home – that's what it means to be

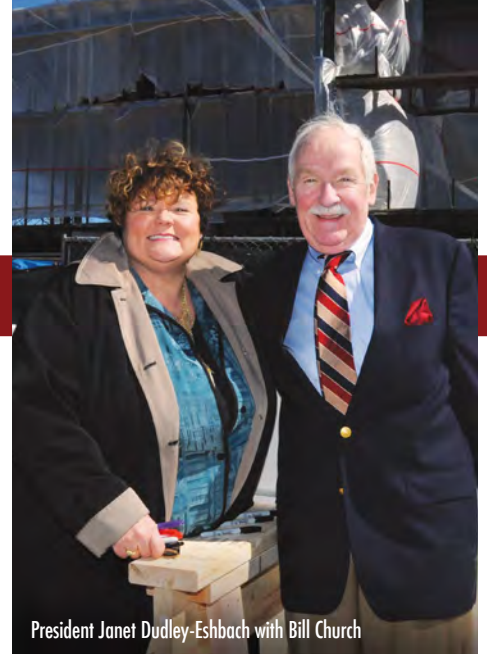
a Sea Gull.

Planned gifts are one way to ensure that SU has a strong future and can continue to make a positive impact for many years to come. The long-term support from planned gifts has allowed SU to provide financial aid, hire the highest-quality professors, conduct groundbreaking research, enrich academic and athletic programs, and provide state-of-the-art facilities far into the future.

In June 2021, SU celebrated Pride Month with the announcement of a planned endowment for LGBTQIA+ activities, expected to top \$1 million. The William D. Church and John A. Washburn Endowment for Equity, Justice and Inclusion will continue its namesakes' dedication to the LGBTQIA+ community and addressing issues faced by its members.

The legacy this planned gift will leave at SU is significant for the LGBTQIA+ students, faculty and staff who make up an important part of the campus community. The gift will allow the University to further enhance educational, programming and support efforts for those community members and others both on and off campus.

"Bill Church was a friend not only to SU, but to its students, faculty, staff and



President Janet Dudley-Eshbach with Bill Church

the many community members who have benefited from his contributions to the University," said Curtin, honoring Church following his passing on March 31, 2022. "Through this endowment, Bill and John's impact on campus will continue far beyond their lifetimes."

When Donna Parks earned her B.S. as a member of SU's first nursing class in 1979, she and her classmates learned from faculty with experience in the field using state-of-the-art equipment of their era.

More than 40 years later, Parks paid tribute to her experience at SU with a \$50,000 planned legacy gift from her estate in honor of the Class of May '79. Her gift will benefit not only nursing students, but those throughout the College of Health and Human Services and members of the greater Delmarva medical community who garner cutting-edge training at the Henson Medical Simulation Center.

"My education at SU changed my life and afforded me the opportunity to live a



Donna Parks '79

life that I have truly enjoyed,” Parks said.

To thank and honor those who help secure a future for the institution and set an example of philanthropy for others, SU has a variety of donor recognition societies, such as the Sea Gull and Holloway societies, and Loyalty Circle. Members of these recognition societies are identified as members of a unique circle of supporters whose shared legacy is to ensure the future

strength of SU.

In October 2021, SU welcomed alumni, families, friends and community members back to campus for Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend. Together, the campus showed what it means to be a Sea Gull, including the launch of the University’s new brand initiative: “Make Tomorrow Yours.” (Read more on page 16.) The brand captures SU’s long-standing

commitment to providing students with rich and plentiful opportunities that change the trajectory of their lives and open doors for graduates to thrive – something that is possible due to the strong connections made by everyone who comes in contact with SU and calls campus home.

Giving Leaders Grow in Number

As the need to use philanthropy to elevate the student experience becomes more evident, Salisbury University’s alumni and friends have stepped up in ways that have not been seen before on the Eastern Shore. Participation in the We Are SU Campaign at the leadership giving level (\$1,000 and above) has increased through the generosity of those who see the value in investing in our students. Membership in the Holloway Society and the Sea Gull Society – SU’s top giving levels – have experienced a marked increase since the start of the campaign. The impact of estate gifts along with a lifetime of philanthropy are celebrated through these societies, recognizing the importance of investing in our students while thanking our donors for their generous support.

Holloway Society

The Holloway Society was established to celebrate SU’s heritage and to honor Founding President William J. Holloway by recognizing those who have made planned-gift provisions such as wills, life insurance policies or trusts for the University. As we look to the future, there are a number of opportunities that allow individuals to support current and future students at SU. Members of the Holloway Society help build the Foundation’s endowment through tax-deductible gift arrangements. The membership in this society has almost tripled during the We Are SU Campaign.

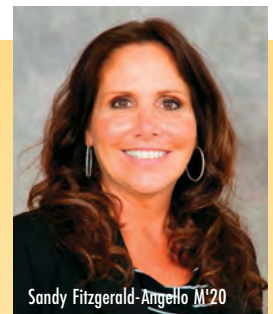
Members of the Holloway Society receive invitations to special University events. In addition, they also receive recognition in the Holloway Society wall display in Holloway Hall’s entrance, further identifying them as members of a unique circle of supporters whose shared legacy is to ensure the future strength of Salisbury University.

Sea Gull Society

The Sea Gull Society celebrates donors whose cumulative giving to the SU Foundation has surpassed \$100,000. This exclusive club has increased its number by over 50 donors since the start of the We Are SU Campaign. Members of the Sea Gull Society receive a commemorative pin from the president, invitations to exclusive events and recognition on a wall display in Holloway Hall’s entrance.

“I am proud to give to Salisbury University as it shapes the minds of the future leaders of the Eastern Shore. As a former M.B.A. graduate of the Perdue School of Business, I feel it is important to give back to the next generation of students pursuing their dreams and future careers.”

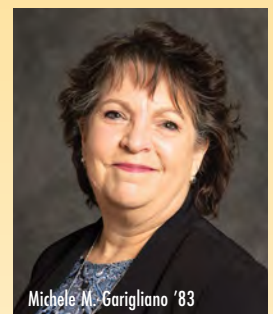
– Sandy Fitzgerald-Angello M’20, Sea Gull Society Member



Sandy Fitzgerald-Angello M’20

“Giving to Salisbury University provides the means for students, faculty and staff to enhance their knowledge, skills and abilities. I so enjoy hearing their stories and seeing their success. Giving also allows me an opportunity to express my gratitude to SU for enhancing my skills as a system thinker and problem solver.”

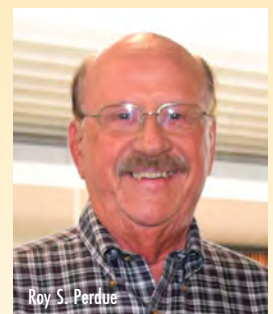
– Michele M. Garigliano ’83, Holloway Society Member



Michele M. Garigliano '83

“While I was serving as SU’s director of alumni relations, I heard time and time again from alumni, as well as students, the difference a scholarship made in their education. . . . I hope my planned gift [supporting scholarships] might, in some small way, help students achieve their goals so more Sea Gulls can take successful flight into the world.”

– Roy S. Perdue, Holloway Society Member



Roy S. Perdue

As the participants in the leadership giving levels continue to grow, so does the impact on our campus community and the enhanced experience that each student has at Salisbury University. Please contact **Amy Luppens at asluppens@salisbury.edu** for more information on how you can make an impact on the next generation of Sea Gulls.

The Momentum Continues

So many of these important efforts would not be possible without the support of SU alumni. Whether with a \$10 annual gift through the Phonathon or a \$25,000 scholarship endowment, each add up to support the SU community has made a difference.

As the campaign comes to an end, the University looks ahead to other areas of need that will create an impact for years to come. This includes funding for the College of Health and Human Services and the Music, Theatre and Dance Department, supporting both programs and new facilities.

SU recently underwent a dramatic restructuring to create our College of Health and Human Services (CHHS). This new administrative structure supports workforce demands as the state and nation try to address the opioid epidemic, the rapidly aging Boomer Generation and distinct rural health care needs. The CHHS is the largest academic unit on campus, with nearly 2,200 students. Given the need for health care and human services professionals across the state, and particularly in rural areas of the Eastern Shore, a dedicated CHHS building is

critically important to SU's ability to support students' professional studies in these areas and boost our partnerships in our communities.

Just as important is recognizing the impact of the arts. A music, theatre and dance space at SU carries the potential to transform our community. Of the institutions in the University System of Maryland that currently offer comparable performing arts curricula, SU is the only campus that does not have a dedicated performing arts center or building to support programs. In addition to instructional and rehearsal spaces, a facility for our performing arts would house multiple performance venues and become a resource not just for the University, but the wider community – an inclusive place for everyone to come together to celebrate human expression in all its diversity.

With your support, SU can address these important needs and more as the University continues to fulfill its mission of providing an educational experience that is the starting point for success. Together, we are all SU; we are thankful for the generous alumni and donors who continue to help transform the SU of tomorrow.

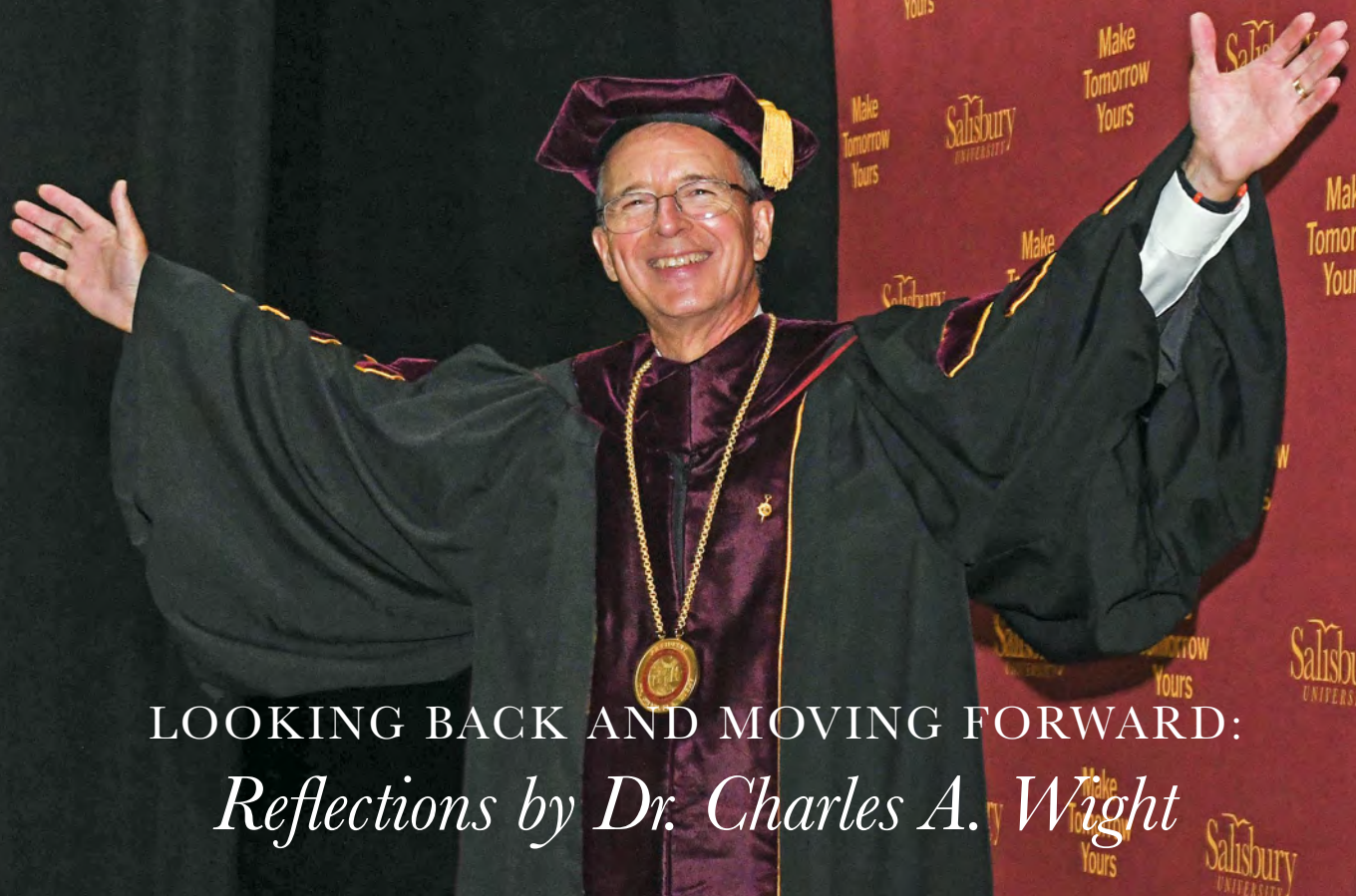


The Work Isn't Over

Even as we celebrate our successful campaign, SU still needs your continued support to help the next generation of tomorrow makers. Please continue to give to your favorite area of campus – no matter the amount: giving.salisbury.edu

If you'd like to discuss helping to achieve unmet needs of the campaign or funding a future endeavor, please reach out to Class of 1998 alumnus and Vice President of Advancement and External Affairs **Jason Curtin: 410-546-6939** jecurtin@salisbury.edu





LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD: *Reflections by Dr. Charles A. Wight*

When I became president of Salisbury University in 2018, I inherited a strong foundation from my predecessor, Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach. From my first day behind the president's desk, I made it my mission to build on that foundation to move SU forward in many different ways. Now that President Carolyn "Lyn" Ringer Lepre is at that desk, I know she feels as excited as I did to build on the groundwork laid by the presidents before her.

Nearly every University president has a set of initiatives to help guide their vision for the institution. Mine included promoting diversity and inclusion, prioritizing college affordability, maintaining a beautiful and sustainable campus, improving student successes, and building mutually positive relationships with the community.

One of my proudest accomplishments was establishing SU's Center for Equity, Justice and Inclusion, now home to the University's Office of Diversity and Inclusion, which I reinstated. Ensuring everyone feels welcome on campus long has been a priority of mine. I hope the center will continue to promote these values for many years to come.

Since 2018, SU has increased financial aid funding and established new initiatives including the Sea Gull Pell Promise, covering the cost difference between federal Pell Grants and SU tuition, and the Shore Scholarship for admitted students attending Wicomico County high schools.

When it comes to sustainability at SU, people may think about our environmental academic programs and green campus. However, fiscal sustainability also is important. I was thrilled to announce the successful conclusion of "We Are SU: The Campaign for Salisbury University," the most ambitious fundraising initiative in campus history (see page 3). The \$75 million it raised will provide even more financial aid for students and campus-wide enhancements. The Dorothy Ruxton Student Chemistry Research Fund, which my wife, Victoria Rasmussen, and I endowed during the campaign, will continue to assist chemistry students to present the results of their work at national and international conferences.

Each year during my time at SU, students continued to exceed my expectations, culminating with a record nine Fulbright Students for 2022-23 – on the heels of SU's recognition by the U.S. Department of State as one of the top five U.S. producers of both Fulbright Students and Scholars for 2021-22. And SU prepares our students for success beyond graduation. In one 12-month period, I had the honor of congratulating both an American Idol finalist and an Olympian who made their alumni proud as the nation and the world watched.

Maintaining campus and remote operations during COVID-19 was one of the most challenging aspects of my presidency; yet, that period also demonstrated what it means to be a true community partner. At the onset of the pandemic, SU students, faculty and staff rallied to provide support for area health care workers, food pantries, K-12 students and others in a wide variety of ways.

The opening of the College of Health and Human Services in 2018 had a historic impact on SU's role as a pipeline for health care workers on the Eastern Shore and beyond. Establishing the Dave and Patsy Rommel Center for Entrepreneurship at SU Downtown in 2021 provided space for student entrepreneurs and local business leaders to collaborate. I also had the privilege of announcing donor support for the naming of the Glenda Chatham and Robert G. Clarke Honors College in 2020 and the Donnie Williams Sea Gull Baseball Stadium in 2022. These are just some of the mutually beneficial community relationships SU continues to maintain.

The past four years have been a wonderful experience. The new brand initiative we launched – Make Tomorrow Yours – encapsulates the incredible opportunities that SU provides for students. While SU's admissions followed the downward trend seen nationwide during COVID-19, this year's incoming class, as I write this, is on track to become one of the largest and most diverse in campus history. Students are ready to come back to the classroom and, notably, they are choosing SU – meaning President Lepre will be far from the only new face on campus this fall. I wish her – and the entire SU community – the best.

Making Powerful Connections



Retired Multicultural Student Services Director Returns to Establish Powerful Connections for Future

For many students, Salisbury University is a home away from home.

But that isn't just a saying – it's a mission and a promise, and one of the most important ways SU ensures students of all backgrounds are successful here and beyond graduation.

When Vaughn White founded SU's Multicultural Student Services in 1989, fulfilling that promise of home was exactly what he set out to do. Upon retiring from his position as director of the program after 30 years at SU, he found that many students he worked with over the years had a love for SU because being part of the campus community was an inclusive experience for them.

Now, he has returned to the University to build on those experiences for the future.

"We have a lot of students who bring a lot of different talents to the University," White said. "My goal is to make sure they don't lose those talents but can express them here."

Through Multicultural Student Services, White started many of the programs that students from diverse backgrounds have access to today. Some of those programs were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, since people were no longer able to meet and make connections with the campus in person. Part of his return is to strengthen the foundation of the

programs and assist with the transition back to campus so that incoming students have access to them now and in the future.

One of those programs is Powerful Connections, where current students are paired with new students as mentors to help them acclimate to the campus. Each year, there are usually 50-60 students who participate in the program as freshmen. Bringing new students to SU in this way helps aid in retention of students from diverse backgrounds, and the program has been very beneficial in making students feel connected to both their major and the people on campus.

"We want to give students a head start and make sure they're successful in their time at SU," White said. "We try to make sure students are part of the programs and activities the center offers, but also that they have a home on campus that is responsive to their needs and always available."

Multicultural Student Services and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion strive to make the campus a more enlightened and inclusive space for students. Many of the diverse student organizations SU is home to today were started by students who came to the University with the ideas and passion to make other students feel welcome on campus. The first Muslim student organization began in the early 2000s

to provide a place of solidarity within the SU community. Students also worked with the University to establish an LGBTQIA+ alliance and educate the campus on related issues.

"SU recruits fantastic students who are involved in their local communities and the environment," White said. "We want that to continue when they come here. Helping to create this inclusive environment helps make sure that every student finds a home at SU no matter what their background."

Going forward, White hopes to set the programs up for success as it recruits new staff, including a director of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity Education Programs. He applauded SU President Charles Wight and Chief of Staff Eli Modlin for putting together a plan that is going to be beneficial to students from diverse backgrounds by supporting the Office of Diversity and Inclusion so it can run at full capacity for all student organizations involved on campus in the future.

"In my time at SU, I think we've had a positive impact on campus," White said. "Our students have been very successful as alumni, and that all started here where I met them as 18-year-olds. They've grown as individuals and made great strides as professionals. It's been a promising experience for students."

Recent Grads – We're Here for You

By Brian Klose
Young Alumni Engagement Coordinator

Brian recently joined Salisbury University's alumni team as young alumni engagement coordinator. Young alumni are those who have graduated from SU within the past 10 years.



Starting a new role can be challenging, but it can also be very exciting. I have been at Salisbury University since February and am enjoying getting to know our alumni. It is my goal to keep young alumni engaged with SU through events, as well as social media. I also work with our current students on philanthropic endeavors as well as creating awareness of all the benefits and resources the SU Alumni Association has for alumni and students alike.

I have felt the SU pride from the moment I stepped onto the campus and look forward to hearing your stories about your time on campus. I'm originally from Long Island, NY, and went to a college in upstate New York. I received a degree in communications and have spent 10 years working in higher education.

Did you know SU alumni is on social media? Follow us @SUAlumni.

Following and engaging with our office are the best ways to stay connected with upcoming alumni events and news. I will be communicating with our young alumni on social media regarding exciting events exclusively for young alums at this fall's Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend.

This year, we've had several exciting events. At Let's Get Lit, alums learned how to make their very own candle. In April, we went to Dogfish Head Brewing and Eats for a four-course meal paired with cocktails. We celebrated Earth Day with the community at the Salisbury Zoo. In May, we went back to the 1960s and saw Hairspray the Musical, which is currently touring the country. We also had 150 of our SU alumni at our annual Baltimore Orioles' game this summer.

We have a lot of fun events coming up and I am excited to meet you all soon!

If you have an idea for a future alumni event, I would love to chat. Feel free to email me – brklose@salisbury.edu.



SU's Singing Idol Jay Copeland

During his final years at Salisbury University, Jay Copeland '20 had a standing meeting with Dr. Maarten Pereboom, dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts.

The singing talent, whom the world had not yet heard of, became a double major following his freshman year, adding a theatre degree to the music degree he already was pursuing. But that required additional credit hours — up to 22 per semester — which required special permission, and each semester, Copeland came knocking for a signature.

Thankfully, Pereboom signed off on the additional hours. All that hard work for Copeland — on stage, in the classroom and in a host of campus activities — paid off this year when he rose to national acclaim on the 20th season of ABC-TV's *American Idol* singing competition.



Jay with SU President Charles Wight

"It was different than being in the classroom," he said. "With *American Idol*, you're always in front of a camera or always singing, but having that workload and keeping busy, helped me compartmentalize and helped me stay mentally sane. I definitely think the workload and the extracurricular activities that I did [at SU] helped me take on something of a beast like *Idol*."

Copeland was first involved with Squawkapella, SU's student *capella*

group, as a freshman. He joined the Powerful Connections program as a sophomore — rising from a mentor to a coordinator during his senior year — and was in more than 200 performances representing SU during his four years as an undergraduate.

"There are so many different people at SU who I've taken lessons from," he said. "All those classes helped shape me as a performer, and as a speaker, to be articulate and confident. I'm pretty sure every class I took really helped me be a better person and a better communicator. They helped cultivate me to be the person I am now."

He was admittedly shy when he arrived at SU, part of the reason he was hesitant to join Powerful Connections right away, but his college experience helped him come out of that shell. By the time he received his big break on *Idol*, he appeared anything but shy while appearing on national television.

"Throughout middle school, high school and college, I've gained more confidence — every day, every month, every year," he said. "I've gained more confidence because of the classes I've taken, the support I've received, the constructive criticism — all of that has helped me to be a better man, a better person and a better human being."

That confidence was key in making a difficult decision when *American Idol* producers came calling shortly after Copeland began a master's program at a university in Texas. Administrators there were not supportive of his splitting time between his studies and *Idol*, and he was given one day to decide which path he would take. He needed to make the decision to go for





his dreams or play it safe. Copeland bet on himself and thrived.

“I had to have so much confidence in myself, and I knew you have to take risks in life in order to better yourself,” he said. “You may not make the right decision or the wrong one; just make sure you make the best decision for yourself. Now I know I made the best decision and right decision for myself.”

Copeland made a splash right from his audition, performing Stevie Wonder’s “Signed, Sealed Delivered.” Idol judge Katy Perry called him a “superstar,” and he earned the season’s final of three platinum tickets, denoting his performance as one of the best and allowing him to skip the first round of eliminations.

He continued to wow the judges and America, advancing week after week through performances of Bruno Mars’ “Just the Way You Are” and “Lilac Wine” by Jeff Buckley. He made it to the top seven in the competition before his time on the show came to an end.

When he returned to the Eastern Shore early in the summer, he was celebrated with events across the area,

including his high school alma mater, James M. Bennett, and a concert in downtown Salisbury, which drew more than 5,000.

“It was crazy! I would not expect people to really celebrate me like that,” he said. “To receive that love and the heartwarming reception was overwhelming.”

Immediately after his Idol tenure, he released his first single, “Unlonely,” to positive reviews. Now, he looks forward to his future, which centers on performing, whether that be in sold-out arenas or New York’s fabled theatres.

“I would love to be a pop star, and I would love to have Broadway on my resume,” he said. “I would really want to be a pop singer. I hope that can come true.”

Thanks in part to the encouragement and training he received at SU — and established stars like Perry, Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan — that dream seems well within his reach.



Multi-platinum recording artist and songwriter Jimmie Allen and Jay



Jay performing with Earth, Wind and Fire



Jay and SU's John Wesley Wright

“ I definitely think the workload and the extracurricular activities that I did [at SU] helped me take on something of a beast like Idol. ”

Celebrating Our Legacy Families and Students

By Allen Koehler, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management



Family. Legacy. Pride.

These three words jumped out to me immediately when I went through the interview process in spring 2021 for the assistant vice president for enrollment management position at Salisbury University. I met many faculty and staff members who either had parents who attended then-Salisbury State or who had their own children and other family members attending SU. I would soon find out that two of my team members each had multiple children attend the University.

Since starting the role last May, I have gone to various larger recruitment events happening on campus as part of my job overseeing enrollment. Talking with visiting families, oftentimes, it is revealed that the student has a parent, older sibling, uncle, aunt or cousin who is attending or graduating from Salisbury University. These conversations are easy to have, as family members can be the best spokespeople for the school, and I really enjoy welcoming families back to campus as part of my job. I have been having a lot of these conversations because we have over 900 students who are part of legacy families applying for admission this fall semester. These families – our legacy families and their students – are an essential part of any college or university.

It is no secret that COVID-19 has impacted enrollment across higher education. This has been well documented by many news outlets, and SU was not immune to impacts of the pandemic. Students re-evaluated their long-term and educational goals despite evidence continuing to show that graduates with bachelor's degrees see approximately \$900,000 more in lifetime earnings than those with only high school diplomas. SU, however, has positioned itself to bounce back



Retired SU Provost Tom Jones (right of Sammy) is joined by his Sea Gull family, (from left) son Brennan Jones '04, niece Jenna Gibbons '21, daughter Kerri Bunting '92 and grandson Kyle Bunting '22. Other alumni members of the family not pictured are Abbey DeTroye '14, Lauren Allwein '16, Keith Mathias '10 & M'12 and Jake Mathias '14.

quickly – and this is in large part due to support from our dedicated alumni across Maryland, the nation and around the globe.

When our alumni share their own Sea Gull stories and positive college experiences with nieces and nephews at holiday parties or with their neighbor's children who are in high school, it helps spread the word about SU. Current numbers show that the fall 2022 class could be one of the largest in years, with many students also coming from out-of-state regions. Even international students are bouncing back faster than expected as more embassies and consulates open back up for student visa interviews. A big part of the current recruitment success for the upcoming fall semester can be credited to our alumni pride.



The family of late SU Dean of Education and Professional Studies Doran Christensen all flocked to SU: (from left) son Scott '06, grandson Matthew (Class of 2026) and daughter-in-law Michelle (Gatter) '93 & M'02.

So, my message to Sea Gull alumni is this: If you know high-school-age students who are starting to look at colleges, please continue to recommend SU! Share your memories of favorite professors and things you liked to do around campus. Encourage them to visit Salisbury – and come with them if you'd like! Our facilities and footprint have grown dramatically in the past two decades, and many graduates are pleasantly surprised when they return. We hope you have fond memories of your time at SU – and we look forward to welcoming future generations of Sea Gulls, who are ready to start their tomorrow here.

Be A Repeat Gull

While you are sharing your Sea Gull story, consider writing a new chapter with a new SU degree. Our graduate programs have grown to meet the opportunities of the ever-changing world and workforce. The curriculum is designed to assist recent graduates, new professionals and those in established careers gain greater mastery in their fields and innovative perspectives for today's dynamic work environments. See how an SU graduate degree can shape your tomorrow: salisbury.edu/gradstudies

Alumni Help Tell the SU Story in University's New Brand

Make Tomorrow Yours



Last year's Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend was an especially momentous occasion for Salisbury University. For many, it was the first time they were able to return to campus and connect with the people there after two years of distance. It was also where the University introduced the campus community to its new brand initiative.

The brand is the result of a yearlong effort to focus the University's mission of giving students every opportunity to succeed into a unified message. It shows that SU is a unique place – one that is powered by the stories and accomplishments of its students, faculty, staff, alumni and others for whom SU is the starting point for a bright future.

Alumni Are Our Story

Our alumni are an important part of that message. They are proof that the opportunities students have access to and the connections they make here are what open doors to the future – and we could not tell the SU story without them.

Alumni were key to the process of developing the new brand. Many of you participated in research and focus group interactions, where they contributed their thoughts on what SU means to them and what ideas should be represented in a forward-facing brand.

As professor emeritus of respiratory therapy at SU and director of the Richard A. Henson Research Institute at TidalHealth, Dr. Robert Joyner '91 was one

alumnus who took part in that process.

"We all had our individual connections to SU, but we melded as a group and felt comfortable speaking what we believed," Joyner said. "It was a complex process. I give the University credit for taking this road, and I think that resulted in a very recognizable brand."

When thinking about the ideas that were most important to bring to SU's branding focus groups, Joyner thought about his belief that universities are built by communities. He wanted current and future SU students to understand that they came to campus not just for a degree, but to build the future they wanted.

We Are Tomorrow Makers

Those ideas resonate in the new brand. Many students have responded positively to the University's tagline, "Make Tomorrow Yours," believing it empowers them to take advantage of the countless opportunities SU offers and create the future they dream of, with the freedom to go at their own pace and discover themselves along the way.

"I believe it's important to have a strong academic presence in the community where you live," Joyner said. "Salisbury University leads that presence in my community. Academic institutions produce the future leaders for the communities

we live in, and I enjoy participating in that future growth."

Sharing Alumni Pride

Joyner came to then Salisbury State College in 1988 as a student in the Respiratory Therapy Program. After graduating in 1991 with a degree in respiratory therapy, he later earned his Ph.D. from the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. In 1998, he returned to SU as a faculty member and later associate dean of the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology, and finally the director of the School of Health Sciences. His wife Lisa Joyner '89 & M'03 is current director of the Respiratory Therapy Program.

In his time since graduation, Joyner has maintained strong ties with the University, also serving on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and advisory board for the College of Health and Human Services. He said his ability to pursue the various opportunities that came his way was directly related to his Salisbury degree.

"I and many other alumni have great pride to call SU our Alma Mater," Joyner said. "I've traveled all over the country, and there are footprints of SU everywhere. I think what's important for anyone to take away from the brand is that they have pride being associated with SU."



Dr. Robert Joyner '91

Nine Honored with SU Alumni Awards



SU 2022 Alumni Awards Recipients (from left) Eli Modlin, Robert Livingston, Dr. Lawanda Dockins-Mills, Dr. Matthew Copeland, SU President Charles Wight, Melissa Judkins, Wayne Judkins, Michael Mowery, Jennifer Shipe and Mohamad Dajani.

In spring 2022, the SU Alumni Association held its inaugural Alumni Awards Celebration as an opportunity to honor our alumni through awards that were previously presented at Commencement ceremonies. Through this singular event, alumni and their achievements are given the recognition they so greatly deserve.

Lifetime Achievement Award

■ Robert Livingston '75

For his many successes in the business world and beyond, the SU Alumni Association honored Livingston with its Lifetime Achievement Award. The accolade is presented to alumni who have demonstrated long-term career success and exemplify the highest attributes of an SU graduate, including leadership, citizenship, and community and industry service.

Livingston is the retired president and chief executive officer of Dover Corp., a \$6.8 billion diversified manufacturer. He previously held similar leadership positions in the company's divisions, including Dover Engineered Systems, Inc., and Dover Electronics, Inc. Before that, he served as president of Vectron International, and vice president and general manager of Salisbury-based K&L Microwave. A supporter of SU's Student

Entrepreneurship Competitions, Livingston served as the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business Executive Leader Series speaker in 2010.

Alumni Leadership Award

Additional honorees included Alumni Leadership Award recipients:

- Dr. Lawanda Dockins-Mills '82 & M'96
- Wayne '89 & Melissa '89 Judkins
- Mike Mowery '95

The Alumni Leadership Award recognizes alumni who participate in the life of SU through personal involvement on leadership committees, association with the student body and engaging with fellow alumni, augmented by their enhancement to the University's financial welfare.

Dockins-Mills, who retired as associate dean of students in 2020 after 32 years of service to SU,

returned to SU in 2021 as interim special assistant to the vice president of student affairs and continues to serve in that capacity. She also served on the alumni association's board of directors from 1994-1996. Among her contributions to SU have been chairing the Town-Gown Council, creating an early model of SU's Powerful Connections student retention program, co-creating an early model of SU's Commuter Connections program, organizing the University's annual door-knocking campaign to connect SU students with their neighbors, partnering with the Student Government Association on projects such as The Big Event community cleanup day, and overseeing the expansion of SU's Wilderness and Experiential Orientation programs by 600%.

Wayne and Melissa Judkins founded SU's Sea Gull Fund in 2000, allowing financial management students to hone their skills by managing a live investment portfolio with a value that has grown beyond \$600,000. They regularly engage with Perdue School students on campus and at Financial Management Association events in New York. They also have been generous benefactors to SU in other ways, including matching student and alumni gifts made during the University's annual Giving Day campaign.

Mowery founded the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the SU Alumni Association in 2001, going on to serve on the association's board of directors as secretary and vice president. He also has worked with the SU Admissions Office to represent the University in the greater Philadelphia area and organized multiple Alumni Homecoming reunions and events.

Service to Society Award

■ Jennifer Shipe '05

The Service to Society Award is presented to alumni demonstrating outstanding community service. Shipe founded the Wyatt's Warriors Foundation to raise awareness of congenital heart defects (CHD) after her son passed away due to complications from open-heart surgery necessitated by the condition in 2015 at just 44 days old. In addition to raising funds to support area families in similar situations, CHD research and education efforts, and the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC, the foundation works to provide a "Warrior Care Package" for every family that must leave local hospitals to seek infant care at larger, specialized facilities out of the area.

Young Alumni Achievement Award

■ Dr. Matthew Copeland '11

■ Mohamad Dajani '14

The Young Alumni Achievement Award honors SU graduates who have achieved high levels of success early in their careers, with demonstrated leadership capacity and commitment to serving others.

Copeland recently completed his residency in infectious diseases at Georgetown University Hospital and was asked to stay on the faculty at Georgetown's School of Medicine as an assistant professor. He has been on the front lines of the battle against COVID-19, providing lifesaving care. He also has demonstrated academic excellence, earning SU's Cort Chemistry Scholarship and graduating at the top of his class at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

As a computer science and foundations of technology teacher at North Dorchester High School, Dajani works extensively with youth. He also runs an intensive tennis camp each summer and offers private soccer and tennis lessons, with several of his students winning district championships, qualifying for state finals and playing at the collegiate level, including SU. A Chesapeake College Athletic Hall of Fame inductee and Dorchester County First Class Teacher nominee, he also has been featured on the Maryland State Education Association's Twitter feed, Maryland Educators.

Special President's Award

■ Eli Modlin '16

In addition, SU Chief of Staff Modlin was honored with the 2022 Special President's Award, recognizing his efforts as the University's COVID-19 response coordinator. Modlin was key in helping SU pivot to virtual operations at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, and maintaining the safety of students, faculty and staff while keeping the campus open throughout most of the pandemic.

Nominate An Alum!

Do you know a Salisbury University graduate who should be celebrated for their accomplishments? The Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its entire slate of awards. Learn more about the awards and make your nomination online:





SEA GULL STADIUM

ALUMNI HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND 2021



SU Alumni Faculty & Staff Breakfast

Reunions
 The Class of 1971 celebrated their 50th reunion last year at the Reunion Luncheon. A breakfast was held for all faculty and staff who work on campus as well.



Bradenton, FL, Alumni 3 Keys Brewing Gathering



Social Work Alumni Brick Room (Salisbury) Gathering



Class of 1971 50th Reunion



Class of 1976 45th Reunion

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame Classes of 2020 and 2021 were both honored at an induction banquet.

(From left) SU Director of Athletics and Campus Recreation Dr. Gerry DiBartolo, Bill Whittington '06, Kyle Sterling '10, Eric Willey '09, Sarah (McKinley) Goodson '10, Danielle (Twilley) Sweitzer O'08, M'10, '11, Kelly Phillips '08, Chris Heier '07, Lauren Brenneman '10, Brandon Fugett '09 & M'11, Jenn Berkman '81 & M'84 (representing Kylor Berkman '09), Delannie Spriggs '10, Pat Lamboni '78 & M'80, Mike Celenza '10 & M'13, Doug Fleetwood '72 and SU President Dr. Charles Wight



Make Plans to Return for Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend 2022 • October 28-30

Sea Gulls fly home Halloween weekend for a ghoulishly good time reconnecting with friends, meeting current students and cheering on your favorite teams!

Flock Party and Football Game

Alums, parents and families enjoyed the festivities at the Flock Party before the football game where the Sea Gulls played Kean University.



Student Activities and Family Fun

Alumni, students and families were excited to participate in a weekend full of activities and socializing. Reunions, Sea Gull athletics and a welcoming campus made for a great time for all!



ALUMNI NEWS

Dear Fellow Alumni,



“Change is the only constant in life.” - Heraclitus

The quote above has served as my north star over the last two years, serving as a constant reminder to remain adaptable

through a global pandemic and seasons of professional change. However, as I sat down to write this letter – my last to you as president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors – I realized these words carry special meaning for our campus community right now.

By the time this edition of *SUMagazine* hits your mailbox or inbox, Salisbury University will have welcomed a new president – Dr. Carolyn “Lyn” Lepre – and said farewell to Dr. Charles “Chuck” Wight, who served as an exceptional leader for four years prior to his retirement in July. As I reflected on his time at the helm of SU, I realized that Chuck never had the luxury of a “normal” presidency, navigating the university through uncharted waters via the pandemic for much of his tenure. I always valued his calm demeanor and genuine nature and will miss his leadership, though he will remain part of the SU community as a member of our chemistry faculty ... sorry, Chuck, I won't be auditing that class. I

don't think you want me near a laboratory with flammable materials.

There's one more important retirement – Melinda Khazeh, our beloved associate director of alumni and annual giving, retired in August after more than 35 years of service to SU (see page 25). Never one to draw attention to herself, she's going to be so mad when she sees this article, but she will probably be reading it on a beach in sunny Florida – so I think she'll be okay! Melinda was an invaluable asset to the SU community, always preferring to remain behind the scenes but making sure every single detail was perfect. In fact, when you visit campus for Homecoming (October 28-30), just know that Melinda planned much of the weekend, despite knowing she would be retired by the time it rolled around.

It is increasingly uncommon to have an individual dedicate so much of their life to one institution, and we are immensely lucky that Melinda chose us.

So, while change is constant, it provides us with an opportunity to pause and express gratitude for those who have laid the foundation for the future. Chuck and Melinda, thanks for everything. Salisbury University is the amazing place it is today because you were part of it.

Go Gulls,

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

Olympian Campbell Returns




Olympian Luke Campbell '16 returned to SU in October 2021 to discuss his experiences competing in the Tokyo Olympics for Germany, where he holds dual citizenship. At the games, he competed in the 400-meter hurdles, placing 11th, and the 4x400-meter relay. Campbell won 11 national championships with the SU men's indoor and outdoor track and field teams. He also earned All-American honors 16 times and broke seven school records, primarily in hurdle events, becoming the most-awarded student-athlete in NCAA Division III history.

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.

Alumni Spotlight

Jeremy Gencavage '17 & M'18

Like many prospective students who are trying to find the right fit after high school graduation, Jeremy Gencavage took some time to figure out his next move. Fresh off graduating from Fork Union Military Academy, he was looking for a change while trying to figure out what the next chapter of his life would be. After assessing the academic programs, the distance to Ocean City and the fact that he had some family and friends who were already living on the shore, Jeremy decided that Salisbury University was the best place to further his education.

At the start of his college career, Jeremy took many of the required elective courses trying to figure out what would be the best fit. He took several geography classes – including Dr. Dan Harris' Map Interpretation and Analysis, Dr. Mike Scott's Geographic Information Science (GIS) and Dr. Art Lembo's Spatial Analysis classes – and he was hooked. In 2017, he graduated with a degree in earth science and then earned his SU master's degree in GIS management in 2018.

Lembo shared that: "Having students like Jeremy makes it fun to come to work. His hard work and excitement about learning while he was a student was energizing to me and the rest of the department."

In January 2017, Jeremy returned from a surf trip in Puerto Rico and began his technical GIS career as an intern for SU's Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC) while working on his master's. He was assigned to projects in roles ranging from performing entry-level web development to supporting data management for a hosted application for a local historical society on the Eastern Shore. He also worked on multi-hazard flood modeling for Maryland State Highway Administration. These experiences gave Jeremy a strong sense of accomplishment and an inner satisfaction that he was making a difference in the community.

"During my time at the ESRGC, Dr. Lembo and Dr. Scott really molded my understanding of how to leverage the business aspect and approach to sales in GIS along with the technical aspects of



architecting and designing systems," Jeremy shared. "This gave me the foundation to take a leap of faith as I took the next step in my career."

In September 2019, Jeremy realized that he hit his ceiling locally and headed out west to California. An avid surfer, Jeremy was in search of a new personal and professional adventure. He moved in with some friends and started a position as an image processor on wildfire mitigation for SkySkopes. They would gather imagery and then his team would process the information. Jeremy was soon promoted and incorporated his GIS training to make the company more efficient and expand their offerings. He created a roadmap for a

new GIS department within the company, making SkySkopes a geospatial service provider rather than just a drone service provider.

Jeremy's role continues to evolve and expand as SkySkopes is able to offer a more comprehensive service using the systems he learned at Salisbury University. He looks to his SU connections for new and innovative projects and to fill many of his openings as his team continues to grow. Even on the West Coast, his connection to the ESRGC and Salisbury University continues to remain strong and enhance Jeremy's quest to use GIS to solve issues to help his local community.

Alumni Gatherings and Athletic Reunions

Make sure you follow the SU Alumni Association on social media to be up on the latest events:

Facebook: @SUAlumni
Instagram: @SUalumni
Twitter: @SUalumni
LinkedIn: @groups/50609



Let's Get Lit Candle Making – March 31, 2022



Dogfish Brewings & Eats Dinner
April 21, 2022



Phoenix, AZ, Event
January 26, 2022



Ft. Worth, TX, Event
June 9, 2022



Salisbury University Flocktoberfest
September 18, 2021



Earth Day at Salisbury Zoo
April 23, 2022



Q&A with Olympian & Alumnus Luke Campbell
October 4, 2021



Head Athletic Trainer Pat Lamboni '78 & M'80 Retirement Social – June 30, 2022



Swish & Slam Golf Tournament – October 23, 2021



Friends of Sea Gull Football Annual Golf Tournament
July 17, 2021



Men's Basketball Golf Tournament
October 9, 2021



Men's Lacrosse Golf Tournament
April 8, 2022



Field Hockey Alumni Game – August 29, 2021



Men's Basketball Alumni Game – February 5, 2022



Men's Soccer Alumni Day – October 23, 2021



Women's Lacrosse 2010 National Championship Team Reunion
February 26, 2022



Women's Soccer Alumni Game – August 28, 2021

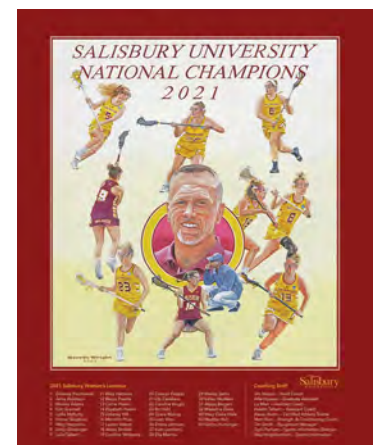
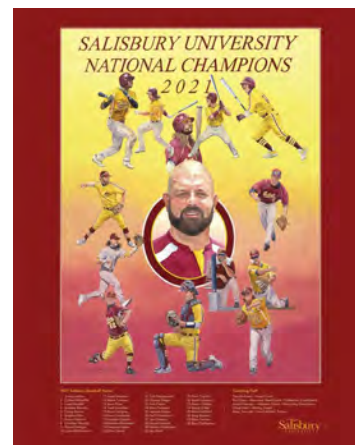
Paintings Honor Recent National Champs

During the 2021 spring sports season, the baseball and women's lacrosse teams both won National Championships. As a way to commemorate this achievement, SU alumnus Greg Whitten '82 has worked with SU Athletics to commission world-renowned artist George Wright, who hails from Maryland's Eastern Shore, to create two unique paintings to celebrate both teams' accomplishment.

Wright's previous work includes commissions to celebrate the 1991 and 1992 Duke University men's basketball National Championship, the 2002 University of Maryland men's basketball National Championship, as well as portraits of Harold Baines, Johnny Unitas, Eddie Murray, Ted Williams, Babe Ruth and Dale Earnhardt. His work can be found hanging in Cooperstown, NY, in the Baseball Hall of Fame; the Orioles Hall of Fame in Orioles Park at Camden Yards; as well as countless exhibitions across the United States.

Wright's special project for SU features players and the head coaches from the 2021 National Championship baseball and women's lacrosse teams. There will be a limited number of artist proofs available for each painting. Each limited-edition artist proof can be uniquely hand-painted with an artist remark of your favorite photo to customize the painting exclusively for you and will be signed by the artist George Wright. This is a perfect opportunity to support Salisbury University student-athletes while obtaining a beautiful piece of art by award-winning artist Wright.

For more information about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, please contact the Maroon & Gold Club at maroonandgold@salisbury.edu. Individual prints may be purchased at the SU Bookstore or online at bookstore.salisbury.edu.



Over 35 Years of Alumni Engagement: Melinda Khazeh

As her retirement approaches, long-serving Associate Director of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving Melinda Khazeh reflects on her time at Salisbury University.

In 1985, my husband and I moved to the Eastern Shore from Knoxville, TN, when he was hired as a faculty member in the Perdue School of Business. I started working in the Alumni Office in the fall of 1986, and I never dreamed at that time that I would still be at SU after 35 plus years. I am taking this opportunity to reflect on those years and share some of the highlights I remember.

When I started working in the office, I was hired by the director, Judy Pielemeier. At that time, she was the only staff member, and we had several students who worked with us. I vividly remember one of the tasks at that time was to develop an alumni database, which had been nonexistent up until that time. Our student would obtain hard copy files of graduates from the Registrar's Office and manually input the data. This created our first alumni database.

It was a time before cell phones, computers and emails.

I remember when we first got email on campus and what a monumental moment it was for communication both on and off campus.



When I think back to the office space in the 1980s, it was a small room tucked away on the first floor of Holloway Hall made up of two offices. Our student employees literally sat at the corner of my desk and worked. Needless to say, we were a close-knit group. In 1996, we opened the Alumni House at 1120 Camden Avenue. Being a part of the committee that designed the building was truly one of the highlights of my career. It was a place for all alumni of Salisbury to truly feel like they had a "home" to return to. We always want to maintain that lifetime connection with our graduates and the campus. We later added the Miller Alumni Garden behind the Alumni House, which serves as a special place for weddings, graduation photos and other events on campus. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the Miller Garden, please stop by on your next visit.

Another memory was how we conducted our Phonathon in the late 1980s. We hired student organizations to make the calls and a student served as the coordinator. We had all the data printed on paper, sifting our way through thousands of sheets and holding calling sessions in the basement of Caruthers Hall. Fast forward 35 years, and each semester, SU now works with the University System of Maryland to upload contact information for over 35,000 alumni with phone numbers to our calling software.

Our Phonathon is held in the Alumni House where students use the software and headsets to dial up alumni using the internet. We process gifts online and email receipts immediately. We have two staff members who oversee this expansive program.

It's truly amazing to think that when I started, we had around 3,790 students enrolled for fall 1986 and now we have over 7,500 (and growing!). I have watched the campus footprint and the academic programs develop throughout the years to improve the educational experience for our students, both nationally and internationally.

In conclusion, as I reflect on my time at SU, one of the many joys I've had has been working with the special people who I have met throughout the years, including alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents and donors. We always say that SU feels like a community and the people on the campus make it such a special place. Our campus has proven that in a time of crisis, Sea Gulls stick together and do whatever it takes to succeed, proving this sentiment to be true during the pandemic.

I will always treasure the many friendships that I started at SU and hope to continue those into my retirement. Thank you for allowing me to serve the alumni of this institution. It has been an honor that I treasure.

Good
Bye
&
Good
Luck

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. 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 2021 honorees.

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

www.salisbury.edu/alumni/facultyawards



Henson School of Science & Technology

DR. EUGENE WILLIAMS – BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

“Dr. Williams is a true educator who loves science. His commitment and dedication to teaching is unwavering, and any student is lucky to have him as a professor.”



College of Health & Human Services

DR. BRANDYE NOBILING – PUBLIC HEALTH

“I would not have achieved many of my academic and professional successes if it were not for Dr. Nobiling. As a professor, advisor and chair, she has shaped the program into what it is today. Her countless efforts and time spent working hard pays off with each graduating student.”



Perdue School of Business

DR. STEPHEN ADAMS – MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING

“[Adams] is a constant source of inspiration and wise counsel to his students. [He] is a brilliant author . . . [and] values his students’ ideas and helps them to refine and develop their entrepreneurial talents.”



Seidel School of Education

DR. CLAUDIA BURGESS – EARLY AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

“Dr. Burgess is, without a doubt, the most influential instructor I had during my time at SU. More than anything, I’ll never forget how she challenged us to think about what our roles as teachers really were.”



Fulton School of Liberal Arts

DR. BRIAN POLKINGHORN – CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

“[Polkinghorn’s] ability to teach through story, inspire the uninspired and imprint a profound sense of feeling educated . . . changed my life and has changed the lives of countless others. He is a go-getter, a builder and a uniter.”



A CHAMPIONSHIP STORY AGAINST THE ODDS



Jimmy Adkins pitched seven shutout innings on April 7, 2021, against conference rival Christopher Newport to help the SU baseball team take down the Captains 7-5. Coming off the mound, Adkins felt pain on the left side of his body and couldn't stand up after taking off his cleats.

"It was a feeling that I had never felt before," stated Adkins. "I used different treatments and rest before trying to go out again, thinking that I just pulled something. But I tried going out a couple of weeks later and I couldn't move. I knew I had to get evaluated."

As a two-way player throughout his time at SU and a standout on the football field and baseball diamond at Delmar High School, Adkins was used to playing through various aches and pains. But this was a different type of injury. Adkins had fractured his L5 vertebrae in his back, which had put an end to his senior season and potentially his career.

"I tried getting back to the postseason (in 2021), but [athletic trainer] Mary (Tovornik) told me that unfortunately there was no chance of me getting back to the field that season. Once she told me that news, I knew I needed to come back and work my way back on the field," he said.

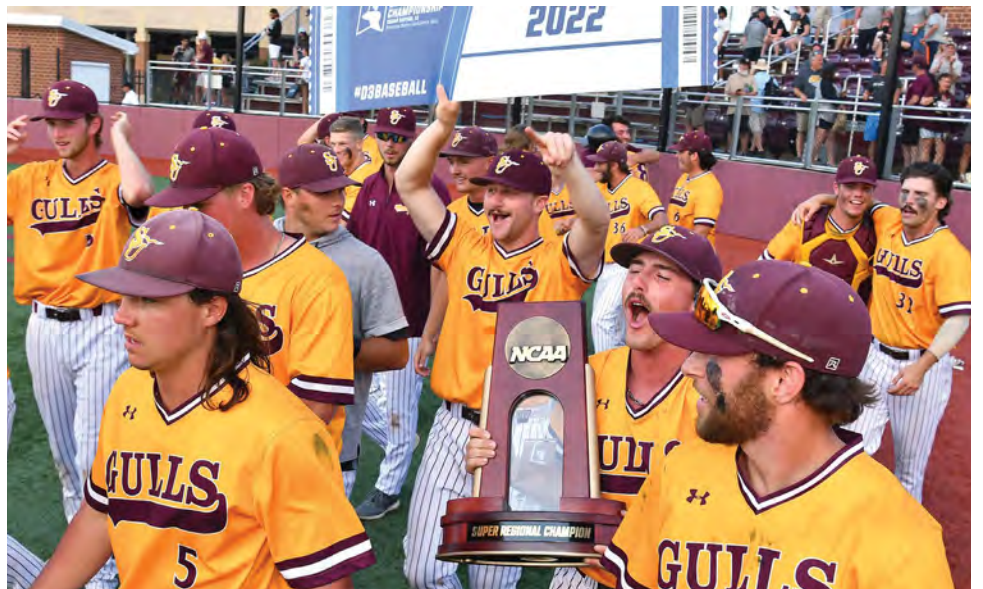
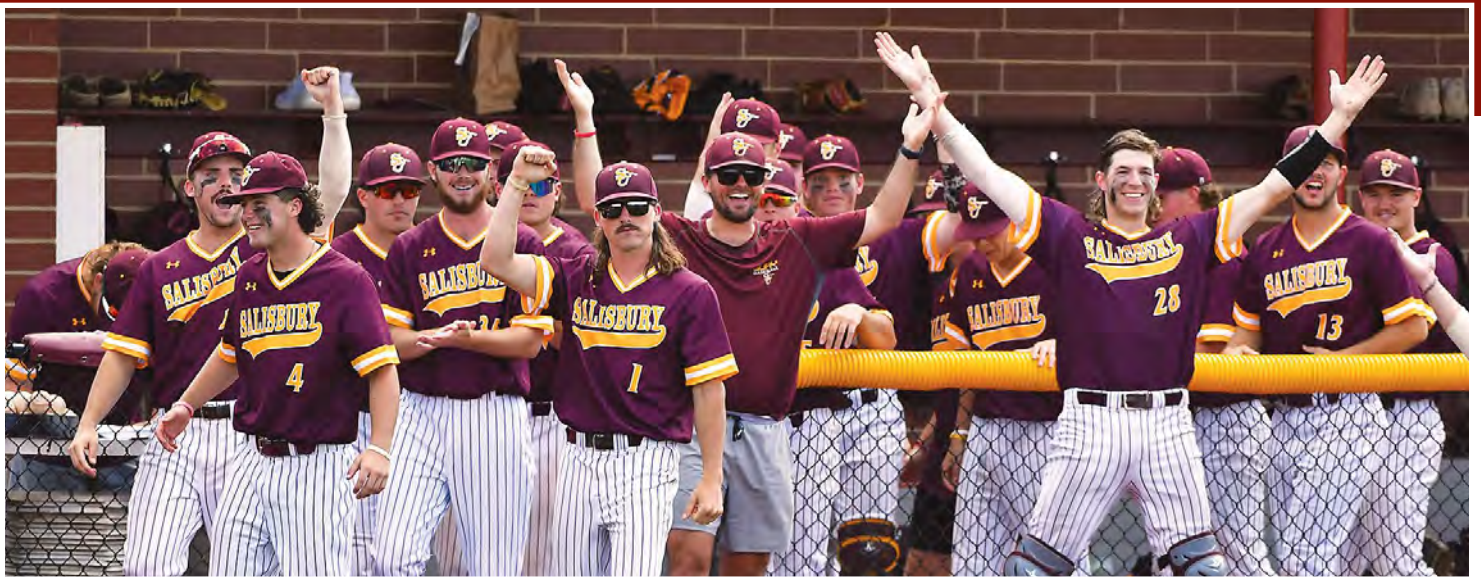
In the 2021 postseason, the Sea Gulls experienced the ultimate prize of winning the national championship. But Adkins, who watched the moment from the dugout not in uniform, wasn't satisfied and he knew that he wanted to be on the field as a player and do whatever he could to get the Sea Gulls back to the championship.

"I'm not going to lie, seeing the team lift the national championship trophy lit a fire inside me," he said. "It motivated me to work even harder because I wanted to be the guy on the field that threw the last pitch or made the last out to help the team win another championship."

Adkins was granted another year of eligibility due to the NCAA's blanket waiver rules on all student-athletes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He worked with Tovornik, athletic trainers, sports performances coaches and other doctors to help make a recovery from an injury that would have ended many other athletes' playing careers.

It was a long road for Adkins to get back to being the All-Conference and All-Region player that he was in 2019 and 2021. His back had limited him to 10 games in the field in the first 17 games of the 2022 season.

"I came to Salisbury to be a contributor at the plate and on the mound. But swinging a bat caused me pain in my back. I had a heart-to-heart with Coach (Troy) Brohawn and we decided it would be best to have me stick to pitching



only. I wanted to do whatever I could for the team to be successful.”

As a pitcher only, Adkins proved to have a dominant 2022 season. He made 17 appearances with 10 starts on the mound. He collected a 7-2 record with a 1.87 ERA, three complete games and three saves. Adkins struck out 87 batters and held opponents to a .203 average. He earned the D3baseball.com National Pitcher of the Year award and was named an All-American from D3baseball.com and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Adkins and the Sea Gulls continued the success from the 2021 season and won its second consecutive Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference Championship and was the only team from 2021 to make a return trip to Cedar Rapids, IA, in 2022 for the Division III National Championship. The

Sea Gulls went 3-0 in the elimination rounds before finishing as the national runner-up in the Championship Finals.

“Jimmy is one of the best teammates and leaders that I’ve had the privilege of coaching,” said Brohawn, who is entering his ninth season as head coach of the Salisbury baseball program. “He is an extremely hard worker and brings 100% each and every day to the field. Just to come back from the injury that he had and perform at the level that he did is a testament to the grit and determination that he has.”

A standout in the classroom as well as the field, Jimmy earned his B.S. in management in May 2022 and is enrolling in the Master of Business Administration program at SU in the fall. He is a two-time member of the C2C All-Academic Team and was selected as the recipient of the C2C Medal of

Inspiration, which is given to student-athletes who have persevered through extraordinary circumstances and whose determination, devotion and passion are exemplary, revered among their peers and worthy of special recognition.

Adkins will use his final year of eligibility in 2022-23 and will look to achieve his ultimate goal, helping lead the team to another national championship and lifting the trophy over his head.

“Don’t stop chasing your dreams,” he shared. “Things can change in a blink of an eye. I’m grateful. I embrace the process and I embrace the journey.”

Class Notes

Information received prior to May 1, 2022

PBC = Post-Baccalaureate Certificate;

M = Master's Degree; D = Doctorate

1960s

Ann Brittingham-Suthowski '62 & M'76 filed for re-election on the Wicomico County (MD) Board of Education. Ann is the first woman ever elected to the board, as previous board members were appointed by the governor.

Norman Conaway '65 & M'72 was featured in an article in *The Daily Times* regarding the vital role he played in the evolution of the MAC (Maintaining Active Citizens) Center, Inc. in Salisbury, MD, following through on a promise he made to his mother to "get better facilities for the seniors" in the Salisbury area.

1970s

Andy Hall '70 & M'76 was a semifinalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. He is the athletic director and physical education teacher at Parkside High School, Salisbury, MD.

Carvel LaCurts '70 & M'74 was welcomed back to Salisbury University as a senior lecturer in mathematics.

Doug Fleetwood '73 & M'76 was inducted into the SU Class of 2020 Hall of Fame for baseball.

C. Robert Hall '73 was appointed to the Snow Hill, MD, town council.

Sharon Raynor '73 retired in February 2021 from the Harrison House of Snow Hill, MD, as the nursing home administrator after over a decade of service.

George Dryden Jr. '74 and Olivia (Dryden) Butler '03, owners and operators of Dryden Farm of Newark, MD, were honored by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan with the 2022 Century Farm award. This is given to farm families that have owned and operated a family farm for more than 100 years.

Curtis Badger '75 celebrates the food culture of the Eastern Shore in his new book *A Culinary History of Delmarva: From the Bay to the Sea*, published by Arcadia Press in 2021.

Lloyd "Scott" Beatty '75 was named to *The Daily Record's* Power 30 for the year 2020, showcasing the top 30 leaders in Maryland's banking and financial services. This was introduced in June 2021.

Albin "Hondo" Handy '75 was honored by his alma mater Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, MD, when he was asked to serve as the commencement speaker for the 2021 graduating class. He also retired from the Ocean City (MD) Recreation and Parks Department and will be working with the National Alliance for Youth Sports, West Palm Beach, FL, certifying coaches, officials, parents, league director, league administrators and front-line staff. Also, the Art League of Ocean City (MD) welcomed him to its board of directors.

Robert Livingston '75 was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Salisbury University Alumni Association for his many successes in the business world and exemplifying the highest attributes of an SU graduate. (See page 17.)

David Micklos '75 was honored with the 2021 Bruce Alberts Award for Excellence in Science Education from the American Society for Cell Biology, which is awarded to individuals who demonstrate innovative and sustained contributions to science education.

Lorraine Fulton M'76 retired as deputy head of school at Springdale Preparatory School in New Windsor, MD, after a 50-year career in education.

Mary Breyette-Clinton '78 & M'88 retired as the executive director of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Clinton County, NY. She held that position since 2015.

Patrick Lamboni '78 & M'80 was inducted into the SU Class of 2021 Hall of Fame for athletic training.

N. Eugene Malone Jr. '78 was elected to the position of vice president of commercial lending and regional loan officer for First Shore Federal Savings and Loan Association of Salisbury, MD.

Valerie (Dobbins) Roddy '78 retired from the Maryland Department of Health after 15 years of service, with the last eight years serving as the director of fiscal and operations of the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

Wayne Gorrow '79 & M'86 retired from SU's Campus Recreation Office after 24 years of service.

1980s

Wanda (Stevens) Perkins '80 & M'96 retired from SU's Biological Sciences Department after 18 years of service.

Brett Wilson '80 retired as circuit administrative judge for the Maryland First Judicial Circuit (which includes Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties).

Susan Bunting M'81 retired from her position as secretary of the Delaware Department of Education in December 2021 after nearly five decades of service in public education.

John Cannon '81 returns to Wicomico County, MD, council leadership as president.

Tena (Anderson) Pennington '81 was recognized by Maryland Representative Jamie Raskin as a Local Hero of the Week in August 2021. She is an ICU case manager for Frederick Memorial Hospital in Frederick, MD.

Ralph Puccini '81 was awarded the prestigious designation of North Carolina Certified Municipal Clerk from the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks, along with the School of Government of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for achieving its high educational, experience and service requirements. He is the deputy city clerk for the City of Raleigh, NC.

Gary Pusey '81 was appointed the deputy director within the Development Review and Permitting Department for the Worcester County Commissioners, Snow Hill, MD.

Patricia (Marino) Royak '81 was elected to the board of directors of the Tommy Nobis Center in Marietta, GA, a non-profit that helps individuals with disabilities enter or return to employment.

W. Kenneth Tyler '81 was named best accountant from Berlin, MD, to Ocean City, MD, by *The Metropolitan Magazine's* Best Of competition.

Cynthia (Strickler) Ward '81 was named the Dispatcher of the Year by the Ocean Pines Police Department, Ocean Pines, MD. She has been a long-time dispatcher and training coordinator for public communication for the police department.

Gary White '81 and Ruth (Koehler) White '74 & M'81 were honored with the Peddler Merchant of the Year Award by the Ocean Pines (MD) farmers market. They offer estate sale sterling silver jewelry to shoppers at the market.

Allen Brown Sr. M'82 was welcomed to the board of directors for the Wor-Wic Community College Foundation, Salisbury, MD.

Lawanda Dockins-Mills '82 & M'96 retired from SU's Student Affairs Division after 33 years of service, and she was honored by the Salisbury University Alumni Association with the Alumni Leadership Award. (See page 17.)

William "Bill" Johnson Jr. '82 was honored with the 2021 Golden Apple Teacher Award by the St. Columba Catholic School in Oxon Hill, MD.

Patrick Wynn '83 was named to the board of directors of Leadership Howard County (MD), which seeks to empower leaders to strengthen and transform the community.

Michael Boolukos M'85 was recognized by Salisbury University for 35 years of service to the University and the State of Maryland during its annual service awards presentation. He works in information technology.

Michele (Owens) Bracken '85 & M'97 retired from SU's Nursing Program after 22 years of service.

Michael Heene '85 was featured in an article in *News & Tech* regarding the trends and joint future of Adpay, Legacy.com and iPublish. Heene founded Adpay as well as other software companies.

Robanne (Riddleberger) Mills '85 was recognized by Salisbury University for 35 years of service to the University and the State of Maryland during its annual service awards presentation. She works in general accounting.

JoEllen (Rutter) Bynum '86 is the director of grants at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD.

Robert Disbennett '86 was recognized by Salisbury University for 30 years of service to the University and the State of Maryland during its annual service awards presentation. He works in the Athletics Department.

Karen (Clarke) Ferruzza '87 was one of six librarians named School Librarian of the Year by the Maryland Association of School Librarians. She is the librarian at Middleton Elementary School in Waldorf, MD.

Deborah (Silar) Hickman '87 earned her Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Jacksonville University.

Carrie Lewis '87 & M'04 was a semifinalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a reading specialist at Delmar Elementary School, Delmar, MD.

Martin Neat M'87 & M'90 retired as president of First Shore Federal, Salisbury, MD, after being with First Shore for more than 35 years.

Sidney Schneider M'87 retired from SU' Health and Human Performance Program after 35 years of service.

Anthony D'Antonio '88 & M'90 was hired by The Gunston School in Centreville, MD, as a co-director of college guidance.



St. Frances de Sales School in Salisbury, MD, is home to several proud Sea Gull teachers: (above front from left) **Alexis Lowe '20**, **Genevieve (Somervell) Chamberlain '03 & M'11**, **Molly Fitzpatrick '20**, **Karly Pizza '18**, **Christine (Tacka) Chamberlain '83**, **Casey Flanagan '17**, (back from left) **Jennifer Kirchner '12 & M'14**, **Megan Duick M'15**, **Irene (Tymkiw) Cook '81**, **Debra (Loudenslager) Trawn**, **Madysen Eutsler '17**, **Rita (Donson) Mello '15 & M'20**, **Amy (Talbot) Gutierrez '10 & M'11**, **Katherine (Cooke) Ayd '06**, **Sarah (Dixon) Passarell '12** and **Kathleen (Morris) Hall '91**.

Ronald McGann '88 was recognized as an Outstanding Financial Executive by SU's Financial Management Association, as part of the University's chapter being awarded the Superior Chapter Award for 2020-21.

David Milligan '88 was elected as chair of the University of Maryland Shore Regional Health's board of directors.

Demetra Copeland '89 was awarded the Leighton Moore Helping Hands Award by TidalHealth Peninsula Regional board of directors, Salisbury, MD. The award honors those who exemplify a spirit of giving back to the community.

Wayne Judkins '89 and **Melissa (Reynolds) Judkins '89** were individually honored by Salisbury University's Alumni Association with the 2022 Alumni Leadership Award. (See page 17.)

Jean (Shumate) LaCoste '89, (right) assistant professor of practice in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech, was named the Darrell D. and Betty R. Martin Junior Faculty Fellow in Accounting and Information Systems by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors.



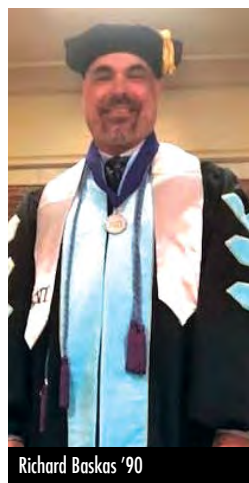
Jean (Shumate) LaCoste '89

Timothy Larrimore '89 retires as head baseball coach of North Harford High School in the Harford County (MD) Public Schools System after a 31-year career.

Bryan Watson '89 is head coach of the Matrix Mavens 2008 boys' soccer team and led them to the club's first-ever Maryland State Cup Championship game in their six-year history on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Deborah (Palmer) Wessels M'89 was a semifinalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a first grade teacher at Westside Primary School, Quantico, MD.

1990s



Richard Baskas '90

Richard Baskas '90 (left) earned his Doctor of Education from Walden University with a major in higher education and adult learning. He currently works as an education specialist at USP Leavenworth, KS.

Catherine (Barwick) Cassell '90 received an official citation from the Maryland General Assembly in recognition of 30 years with Channel Marker, Inc. in Cambridge, MD. She holds the position of executive director at Channel Marker.

Jennifer (Daehnke) Gunson '90 was promoted to Auto Claim Unit manager with Travelers Insurance Company of Wyomissing, PA.

Julia (Nelson) Harper '90 was elected president of the Faculty Council at Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD.

Sidney Sessoms Jr. M'90 is the new director of the band for Delaware State University in Dover, DE.



Eric Sweeney '90

Eric Sweeney '90 (left) is the new executive director of public safety and preparedness for the College of Southern Maryland, La Plata, MD, after retiring from a 31-year career with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office as captain and commander of the vice narcotics division.

Samathy Chandrashekar

M'91 was recognized by Salisbury University for 30 years of service to the University and the State of Maryland during its annual service awards presentation. She works in the Information and Decision Sciences Department.

David Humes '91 was named to Morgan Stanley's prestigious Director's Club, which is a group of the firm's successful financial advisors.

Robert Joyner '91 was presented the Robert H. Miller, RRT Award, by the National Board for Respiratory Care. Joyner was the unanimous nominee; the award is given to a respiratory care professional who selflessly serves the profession and are instrumental in the profession's growth.

Douglas Mock '91 was honored as a Cape Region Athlete of the Week by the *Cape Gazette* of Lewes, DE.

Patricia (Walter) Saelens '91 was named the new superintendent of schools by the Queen Anne's County Public School System in Stevensville, MD.

Patricia (Morris) Brown '92 received the Extra Mile Award from the Wicomico County Public School's employee recognition program. She was also a semifinalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year. She is a music teacher at Willards Elementary School, Willards, MD.

Paul Ewell M'92 joined Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, GA, as an associate professor of management.

Andrew Giacco '92 earned an M.A. in teaching with a dual certification in elementary and special education from Mount St. Mary's University and now works for Frederick County (MD) Public Schools as a middle school special education teacher.

Kirsten (Skalstad) Jennette '92 & M'98 is the principal at Blades Elementary School in Seaford, DE, which was named the 2021 National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (NSEA) Distinguished School for the State of Delaware. Blades was recognized for academic progress for English language learners during the pandemic.

Donna (Pierce) O'Hara '92 & M'95 joined the staff of the Village of Hope Inc., Salisbury, MD, as the president/CEO.

Margot (Pickering) Resto '92 was promoted to deputy town manager for the Town of Snow Hill, MD.

Amy (MacWilliams) Schisler '92 published her 10th novel, *The Good Wine*, which is a sequel to her award-winning novel *Whispering Vines*.

K. Holly Shiflett '92 took the position of dean of online education and professional learning for the University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom.

Betty Smith M'92 retired from SU's Biological Sciences Department after 29 years of service.

Michelle (Gatter) Christensen '93 & M'02 was a semifinalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a second grade teacher at Fruitland Primary School, Fruitland, MD.

John Gunson '93 joined CSL Behring, King of Prussia, PA, as the senior director, head of global hosting services.

William Hall '93 was elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He has a private practice in Salisbury, MD.

Tae Johnson '93 is the acting director for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency in Washington, DC, serving prior to this as the ICE deputy director.

James Matchett '93 was remembered by the Ocean City Beach Patrol, Ocean City, MD, in an article in the *Maryland Coast Dispatch* in their article "OCBP Alumni of the Week, Jim Matchett, Learned Training for Life."

Bonnie (Zember) Nordstrom '93 and her husband Ray created the Nordstrom Family Fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (MD) after they were inspired to grow their impact while continuing to make a difference in the lives of area children.

Julie (Bradford) Owens '93 & M'02 was a semifinalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a math teacher at James Bennett Middle School, Fruitland, MD.

S. James Sarbanes '93 was named circuit administrative judge for the First Judicial Circuit in the Maryland Court of Appeals.

Michelle Truitt '93 was voted to serve as mayor of Millsboro, DE, for a third term.

Ruth Malone M'94 joined Salisbury University as an education leadership lecturer.

Stefanie (Krannebitter) Rider M'94 earned the Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) credential issued by the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance.

Joseph Stephenson '94 was named president of Open Mortgage in Austin, TX.

Katherine "Kassy" Fisher '95 & M'97 was selected as the new associate vice president and chief of staff for the Office of the Provost at the University of Oregon, Corvallis, OR.

Michael Franklin '95, head baseball coach at Catactin High School in Thurmont, MD, led his team to win the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association 1A state championship at Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf, MD.

Yvonne Downie Hanley '95 & M'99, SU's M.B.A. Program director, and **Sherry Maykrantz '08 & M'11**, SU assistant professor of public health, presented at the Western Academy of Management's annual conference in Hawaii. The presentation, "Broken Engagement: The Role of Grit and LMX in Enhancing Faculty Engagement," examined how perseverance and the application of Leader-Member Exchange Theory can help strengthen faculty engagement.

Kevin Hroblak '95, of the law firm of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston in Baltimore, MD, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2022* (copyright 2021 by Woodward/White, Inc. of Aiken, SC).

Anna Lissitz '95 joined McDaniel College in Westminster, MD, as an assistant professor of data analytics.

Michael McClure '95 purchased Morning Star Publications, Seaford, DE, after working there for 20 years, the past seven years as editor and publisher. Morning Star publishes the *Seaford Star* and *Laurel Star*, weekly newspapers, and the *Business Report* business magazine.

Michael Mowery '95 was promoted to manager of quality assurance for the Department of Family Medicine at Rowan University, Stratford, NJ. In addition, he was the administrator of the team that ran the vaccination center at the university – the team won the prestigious 2022 Peter W. Rodino Jr. Citizens Award by the EJI Excellence in Medicine Foundation. He was honored by Salisbury University's Alumni Association with the 2022 Alumni Leadership Award. (See page 17.)

Heather (Allen) Andrews '96, PB'08 & M'11 was recognized as Maryland's 2021 ESOL Teacher of the Year for K-12. She teaches in the Talbot County Public Schools in Easton, MD.

Mark Bayer '96 is the new manager of the self-perform operations group for Turner Construction Company in Baltimore, MD.

Allison (Tolson) Canada '96 & M'03 was elected to the national board of directors of the National Association of Education Procurement (NAEP).

Jennifer (Moore) Carey '96 was the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Somerset County Public Schools. She is a first grade teacher at Carter G. Woodson Elementary School, Crisfield, MD.

Matthew Donovan '96 was announced as the new principal for Sussex Technical High School in Georgetown, DE.

Kathryn Fiddler '96 & M'11, vice president of population health at TidalHealth in Salisbury, MD, was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan to serve on the Maryland Commission for Women.

Donna (Hancock) Melson M'96 & M'16 was a semifinalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a math teacher at Pittsville Elementary and Middle School, Pittsville, MD.

Michele (Bleech) Napoliello '96 earned her fellowship of the American College of Healthcare Executives and is board certified by the American College of Medical Practice Executives.

Lynn Adkins '97 is the new associate vice president for administration and finance at Salisbury University.

Jeremy Michalski '97 was awarded the 2021 Coach of the Year by the Bayside South Conference. Michalski is head boy's lacrosse coach at Parkside High School in Salisbury, MD, and led the team to the 2A state semifinals.

Kimberly (Burgess) Min '97 of the law firm of Whiteford, Taylor and Preston in Baltimore, MD, was selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2022* (copyright 2021 by Woodward/White, Inc. of Aiken, SC).

Thomas Sabia '97 & M'00 joined EryDel S.p.A. as the chief commercial officer helping the company navigate and execute its commercial strategy following the success of the company's Phase III study for ataxia telangiectasia (AT).

Kristin (Heath) Cashman '98 & M'18 was named the 2022 Teacher of the Year for the Worcester County Public School System. She is an English teacher at Pocomoke High School in Pocomoke City, MD.

Ronald Demby M'98 participated in Forest Music in partnership with Chestertown, MD's, National Music Festival hosted in the Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely, MD.

Kimberly Fitzgerald '98 & M'04 was a finalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a Spanish teacher at James Bennett High School, Salisbury, MD.

Dion Johnson M'98 was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Maryland Chapter. He was honored for his "lifetime service to wrestling" as a 30-year-long high school wrestling coach at Mardela Middle and High School, Mardela Springs, MD.

Victor Minoglio '98 wrote a book for lacrosse coaches titled *No! Do Not Go To The Goal!*

Christopher Derbyshire '99 was selected as senior vice president on the board of members for the architectural and engineering firm of George, Miles & Buhr, LLC, Salisbury, MD.

Tammy Donaway '99, director of the Applied Business Learning Experience Program at Salisbury University, earned the Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) credential issued by the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance.

Kimberly (Carney) Gillis '99 was named chairperson of the board of trustees at War-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD.

Jayson Schkloven '99 wrote "Five Things You Need to Know to Successfully Run a Live Virtual Event" for *Authority Magazine*.

W. Paul Truitt '99 & '00 joined the firm of the Mazars Group of Ft. Washington, PA, as principal.

Melissa (Luckett) Vit '99 was named the school level 2022 Teacher of the Year for Worcester County Public Schools. She is a fifth grade teacher at Berlin Intermediate School, Berlin, MD.

2000s

Mary (Hardt) Kreger '00 was named Teacher of the Year for 2020-21. She is a math teacher at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View, DE.

Kelly Roberts '00 and her business, Beach Pilates & Wellness Studio of South Bethany, DE, were featured in *Coastal Style Magazine* for her creativity in offering classes on the beach, in the studio, on video or streaming live online, which were initiated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Aric Snee '00 is the Art League of Ocean City's 2022 Orem and Harriet Robinson Fellow for contemporary art and held lectures at the Ocean City (MD) Center for the Arts about his glass art, what inspires him and his educational background.

Jessica Tiller '00 was interviewed by Maryland's *The Daily Record* regarding her most effective management style during the COVID-19 pandemic. *The Daily Record* also selected her as one of 51 finalists to receive the 2021 Influential Marylander award for their significant contribution to their respective fields.

Danny Twilley '00, vice president of economic, community and asset development for the Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative, was the keynote speaker for the Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce annual dinner and meeting in White Sulphur Springs, WV.

Jason Vaughn '00 was promoted to vice president of business development at CVW Event Productions, Herndon, VA. He has been with the company since 2013.

Philip Albert M'01 was named the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Dorchester County Public Schools. He is a math teacher at North Dorchester High School, Hurlock, MD.

Christina (Gargan) Camillo '01 & D'19 was honored with the Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians Lifetime Achievement Award for her "continued support and dedication (that) makes AZVT strong, and her active involvement in the organization (which) exemplifies AZVT's mission."

Laura Deeley-Bren '01 was voted the Best Insurance Agent from Berlin, MD, to Ocean City, MD, in *The Metropolitan Magazine's* Best Of competition.

Meredith (Burkhead) Mears '01 joined SVN Miller Commercial Real Estate, Salisbury, MD, as an adviser focusing on the Eastern Shore.

Colleen (McCarthy) Shepherd '01 was promoted to president at Vanliner Insurance Company, Richfield, OH.

Timothy Aja '02 won the Ward 3 city council seat for the City of Opelika, AL, in a special election.

April Anft '02 & M'12 was named the school level 2022 Teacher of the Year for Worcester County Public Schools. She is a teacher at Cedar Chapel Special School, Snow Hill, MD.

Tara (Nugent) Blaine '02 was honored as the 2021 Board Member of the Year by the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore, Inc., Salisbury, MD.

Stacey Conrad '02 was appointed the associate dean for development and alumni relations for the University of Maryland's School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD.

Sarah Grangier '03 painted the feature artwork for SU's 2022 Sea Gull Century, which features the Verrazano bridge that leads to Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, MD.

Christina (Harrison) Howard '03 earned the certified nonprofit professional (CNP) credential issued by the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance.

Kate (Bond) Lepovsky '03 was named the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Folger McKinsey Elementary School, Severna Park, MD, where she is a fifth grade teacher. The school is part of the Anne Arundel County Public School system.

Patrick McLoughlin '03 was appointed Maryland's first ever chief data officer by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Rita Mecca M'03 joined Hudson Behavioral Health, Salisbury, MD, in fall 2021 as its new director of accounting



Three SU alumni are teachers together at Julius West Middle School in the Montgomery County Public School System in Rockville, MD: (above from left) Alexis Felix '10 & M'12, Rienne (South) Oliver '09 and Chris Tao '01.

and then was promoted to chief financial officer in January 2022. Rita earned the Certified Management Accountant certification from the Institute of Certified Management Accountants, division of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Brendan Riley '03 & M'06, head football coach for Parkside High School in Salisbury, MD, was named as one of the coaches for the Big 33 Football Classic, an event representing the best of the best from Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Scott Stansbury '03 is the minor league medical coordinator for the Baltimore Orioles, Baltimore, MD.

John Connell '04, owner and operator of 1 Fish 2 Fish Crabs and Seafood in Salisbury, MD, was featured in *The Metropolitan Magazine*, highlighting the local feel of the business, which provides locally sourced seafood.

Amber Cowan '04 has her *Mythical Bounty: Glass Sculpture* exhibit featured at the Brunnier Art Museum in Ames, IA. She uses salvaged press glass objects from American glass manufacturers to create a variety of intricate glass sculptures. Her piece "The Dreams of a Descendant Sireneuse" is the center of this collection.

Timothy Gonzales '04 joined the team of Comprehensive Financial Solutions, Salisbury, MD, as a certified financial planner.

Eric Grimmel '04 joined Oak Crest in Parkville, MD, an Erickson Senior Living-managed continuing care community, as the director of continuing care.

Amy Heger '04 has been named the 2021 Maryland Capital Enterprises Palmer Gillis Entrepreneur of the Year. Amy owns and runs the Night Watch Child Care Center, which is the only overnight child care center in Salisbury, MD.

Mary (Helmick) Miller '04 & M'12, computer science teacher from Worcester Technical High School in Newark, MD, is part of a teaching externship partnership between the Maryland Chamber Foundation and Cards Technology.

William Tignor '04 & M'12 was named the school level 2022 Teacher of the Year for Worcester County Public Schools. He is a first grade teacher at Snow Hill Elementary School, Snow Hill, MD.

Jenny Davis '05 joined the staff of Decorating Den Interiors, Easton, MD, in the Accounting Department assisting with the franchisees' incentive program.

Anthony "Tony" Incontrera '05 is the new head lacrosse coach for The Gilman School in Baltimore, MD.

David Larrimore '05 was named chief technology officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Steven Lessner '05 was nominated for consideration of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Outstanding Faculty award. He is an associate professor of English at Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, VA.



Todd McElwee '05 (left) wrote a children's book released in April 2022 called *Mission: Get Daddy Better*. The book, narrated by his daughter Evie, is based on the true life story of how his children embarked on a "covert operation" to help McElwee recover from a brain injury.

Candace (Blair) Savage '05 was named the new budget officer for Worcester

County Commissioners in Snow Hill, MD.

Jennifer (Mercer) Shipe '05 was honored by Salisbury University Alumni Association with the 2022 Service to Society Award. (See page 17.)

Kyle Waggoner '05 was promoted to senior director-chief information security officer for Perdue, Inc. of Salisbury, MD.

Scott Williams '05 was promoted to assistant vice president of Taylor Bank, Berlin, MD. He has been with the bank since 2006.

Tamsin Bell '06 was interviewed in a feature article for the *Skagit Valley Herald* for her position as manager of the Economic Development Alliance for Skagit County, WA.

Joseph Bray '06 was appointed regional vice president for central Maryland by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty, Annapolis, MD.

Megan Caton '06 was hired by the City of Salisbury, MD, to lead the Human Resources Department as the director.

James Creighton '06 & M'07 was hired by River Hill High School in Clarksville, MD, as the athletics and activities manager.

Kimberly (Clark) Culbertson '06 was named 2022 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals. She is the assistant principal at Towson High School in the Baltimore County Public School system, Towson, MD.

Holly (Jones) Edwards '06 was recognized by the Maryland Chapter of the Society of Health and Physical Education (SHAPE) with the 2021 Simon A. McNeely Award. Holly teaches physical education at Choptank Elementary School in Cambridge, MD.

Michele (Campbell) Ennis '06 received the 2021 SHero award from the Art League of Ocean City, MD, for being a leading force in the community mediation movement in Maryland.

Sean Kenna M'06 & PBC'16 is the new principal of Kent Island High School, Stevensville, MD.

Patricia Morales '06 & M'11 joined Atlantic General Health System in Berlin, MD, as a certified registered nurse practitioner. She will focus on diabetic care and thyroid conditions.

David Plotts '06 ran for the District 4 seat on the Wicomico County Board of Education, Salisbury, MD.

Anne (Bik) Sparks '06 is the first chief of aging and transportation for Queen Anne's County Department of Community Services, Centerville, MD.

Susan (Hurley) Truitt M'06 was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award by the SU School of Social Work in March 2022. This award recognizes alumni who graduated 10 years or more prior and demonstrate outstanding contributions to the social work profession.

Sean White '06, founder and CEO of White Oak Hospitality of Baltimore, MD, was honored with the 40 Under 40 designation by the *Baltimore Business Journal* and was featured in an article.

William Whittington '06 was inducted into the SU Class of 2021 Hall of Fame for men's soccer.

Shauna (Metz) Aherne '07 was promoted to president of MedEvoke, Lebanon, NJ, from the position of vice president of strategic accounts.

Petra Bernstein '07 was featured during a three-month show of her photography and painting art at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel in Ocean City, MD.

Erika (Mitry) Cook '07 was selected by the Carl M. Freeman Companies, Selbyville, DE, to lead the extension of the social and life enrichment courses as director of life enrichment.

Christopher Heier '07 was inducted into the SU Class of 2021 Hall of Fame for men's lacrosse.

Gregory Jones (Ellis, Playwright) '07 wrote a short comedy play *The Calling*, which was presented in audio play by the Open-Door Playhouse.

Gregory Lasinski '07 & M'17 accepted the football head coach position at James Bennett High School, Salisbury, MD.

Ashley Beach-Reid '08 is the new chief operating officer of First Cooperative Federal Credit Union in Cayce, SC.

Kathleen "Katie" (Conklin) Brenner '08 was named senior instructional designer at MathWorks in Natick, MA.

Emily Burnett '08, '10 & M'12 was named the Surface and Air Transport Specialty Practitioner of the Year by the American Association for Respiratory Care during National Respiratory Care week in October 2021. She is the neo/peds respiratory care clinical coordinator at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock in Lebanon, NH.

Melanie Coleman M'08 was named the school-level 2022 Teacher of the Year for Worcester County Public Schools. She is a first grade teacher at Ocean City Elementary School, Ocean City, MD.

Stephen Gehrlich M'08 retired from SU's Biological Sciences Department after 33 years of service.

Andrew Hartstein '08 & M'09 was named best insurance agent in southern Delaware in *The Metropolitan Magazine's* Best Of competition.

Sherry Maykrantz '08 & M'11 received the Women and Leadership Outstanding Scholarship for Emerging Scholars Award from the International Leadership Association, the largest global organization for leadership scholars and practitioners. Maykrantz is an assistant professor of public health at Salisbury University.

Kelly Phillips '08 was inducted into the SU Class of 2020 Hall of Fame for women's lacrosse.

Caroline (Harrison) Schlegel '08 & M'16 is a finalist for the Maryland State Department of Education's 2021-22 Maryland Teacher of the Year Award.

Aaron Sebach '08, M'10 & D'15 was promoted to director of Graduate Nursing Programs at Wilmington University, Wilmington, DE, and is now the dean of the College of Health Professions and Natural Sciences. He leads the TidalHealth Mobile Integrated Health/SWIFT team, which made history in December, 2021 when they administered the first home-based monoclonal antibody infusion in the State of Maryland.

Danielle (Twilley) Sweitzer '08, M'09 & M'11 was inducted into the SU Class of 2020 Hall of Fame for field hockey.

Alex Williams '08 & M'10 was promoted to senior vice president of relationship development at RHB Global, LLC of Indianapolis, IN.

Joseph Zang '08 is the owner and head trainer of Z-Train, a new sports training venture in Elkton, MD.

Lola Andrews '09 was hired by The Stimson Center, Washington, DC, as the senior grants and finance manager.

Kylor Berkman '09 was inducted into the SU Class of 2020

Hall of Fame for men's lacrosse.

Crystal Dickerson '09 & M'14 was recognized by Salisbury University for 30 years of service to the University and the State of Maryland during its annual service awards presentation. She works in Career Services.

Sarah Esh '09 was one of three ladies on the SAFE (Sexual Assault Forensic Exam) team that won the SHero award from the Art League of Ocean City, MD, for her part in serving victims of sexual assault and/or domestic abuse.

Katey (Algier) Evans '09 and her family-owned frozen dessert company, The Frozen Farmer in Bridgeville, DE, has a contract with Walmart to sell their frozen sorbets nationwide. Walmart is the only store where one can purchase their Strawberry Cheesecake Frobert. Her company was featured in *Bay To Bay News* as an example of a firm that uses Google products and services in their business, using Google Workspace, Google Ads and Google Analytics.

Brandon Fugett '09 & M'11 was inducted into the SU Class of 2021 Hall of Fame for track & field.

Marianne Gibson '09 was appointed by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan to serve as the executive director of the state's Opioid Operational Command Center in Annapolis, MD.

Francesca Hedrick '09 retired from Salisbury University's Small Business Development Center after 24 years in a grant position.

Katherine (Johnson) McAllister M'09 was selected as senior vice president on the Board of Members for the architectural and engineering firm of George, Miles & Buhr, LLC, Salisbury, MD.

Jaime Miller '09 was a semi-finalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a second grade teacher at Westside Intermediate School, Hebron, MD.

Jonathan Pobst '09 & M'12 joined Chesapeake Health Care, Salisbury, MD, as a certified mental health therapist.

Nick Schratwieser '09, athletic director for Port Washington (NY) Schools, was named the Nassau County recipient of the Council of Administrator's Emerging Athletic Administrator Award for the 2021-22 school year.

Delannie Spriggs '09 was inducted into the SU Class of 2020 Hall of Fame for men's track.

Joshua Weikers '09 was named director of mortgage capital markets for FirstBank in Nashville, TN.

Kelly (Savage) Wells '09 & M'20 and **Tyler Owens '18** were featured in an article in the *Salisbury Daily Times* titled "A Whole Other Level of Teaching," which discussed the challenges and joys of being back in the classroom at the start of the 2021-2022 school year in Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

Eric Willey '09 was inducted into the SU Class of 2021 Hall of Fame for baseball.

2010s

Lauren Brenneman '10 was inducted into the SU Class of 2021 Hall of Fame for softball.

Jessica (Duvall) Campbell '10 & M'18 was a 2022 Teacher of the Year candidate for Dorchester County Public Schools. She is a teacher at Sandy Hill Elementary School, Cambridge, MD.

Michael Celenza '10 & M'13 was inducted into the SU Class of 2020 Hall of Fame for baseball.

Kelly Dorman '10 & M'16 was a semi-finalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a language arts teacher at Mardela Middle and High School, Mardela Springs, MD.

Katherine Ernst '10 appeared in an article in the *Asbury Park Press* featuring her business, Bark & Bites of Brick, NJ, which supplies natural dog treats.

Sarah (McKinley) Goodson '10 was inducted into the SU Class of 2021 Hall of Fame for women's lacrosse.

Hillary Grove '10 was voted 2021 Best Accountant in the Tri-State Area by the *Herald Mail Media* readers. She is the manager at SEK CPAs and Advisors, Hagerstown, MD.

Lauren Kopishke '10 is the new director of planning and community development for the Town of Front Royal, VA.

Gerard McDaniel '10 was promoted to community manager of McDonogh Township Apartments in Owings Mill, MD, by the Continental Realty Corporation.

Katrina (Marshall) Mercer '10 was a semi-finalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a special education teacher at Beaver Run Elementary School, Salisbury, MD.

Kyle Sterling '10 was inducted into the SU Class of 2020 Hall of Fame for men's soccer.

Dustin Thomas '10 & M'15 is a finalist for the Maryland State Department of Education's 2021-22 Teacher of the Year Award.

Paige Baker '11 was a finalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a third grade teacher at Prince Street Elementary School, Salisbury, MD.

Katelynn Cabrera '11, '13 was welcomed by Salisbury University as a nursing instructor in the College of Health and Human Services.

Lauren Cooper '11 is the new executive director for The Cricket Center, Worcester County's child advocacy center in Berlin, MD.

Matthew Copeland '11 is the 2021 recipient of the Salisbury University Alumni Association Young Alumni Achievement Award. (See page 17.)

Jake Delillo '11 was a finalist for the 2022-23 Teacher of the Year by Indian River School District. He is a teacher at East Millsboro Elementary School, Millsboro, DE.

James Eaton III M'11 was promoted to director at SC&H Group, Inc. of Sparks, MD. He joined the company in 2019.

Jamie (McMillan) Ennis '11 was a semi-finalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a third grade teacher at East Salisbury Elementary School, Salisbury, MD.

Julia Glanz '11 & M'13 was awarded the Governor's Citation from Governor Larry Hogan as well as a Mayor's Award of Exemplary Service from Salisbury, MD, Mayor Jacob Day for her service and stepping in as acting mayor for Mayor Day during his military deployment to Africa.

Jannah Truitt '11 was named the 2022-23 Teacher of the Year by Indian River School District. She is a teacher at Lord Baltimore Elementary School, Ocean View, DE.

Sean Bilbrough '12 was promoted to vice president of Patriot Capital Financial in Baltimore, MD.

Vestina Davis M'12 was the 2022 Secondary Teacher of the Year for Somerset County Public Schools. She is a social studies teacher at Crisfield Academy and High School, Crisfield, MD.

Courtney (Webster) Dryden '12 & M'16 and her husband, Jason, were one of 10 families honored with the Outstanding Grower Award by the Delmarva Chicken Association. Their farm is in Westover, MD.

Morgan Hazel '12 & M'17 was named vice chairperson of the board of trustees at Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD.

Robert Jeter '12 was named partner at InFocus Financial Advisors, Inc. of Salisbury, MD.

Samantha Keyes '12 was named the school-level 2022 Teacher of the Year for Worcester County Public Schools. She is a fourth grade teacher at Showell Elementary School, Berlin, MD.

Brandon Lemon '12 took over as the wide receiver coach for the Buccaneers football team at Charleston Southern University in North Charleston, SC.

Deanna Mackey '12 wrote a self-help/autobiography book called *Nursing At Its Finest*, published in April 2021. It chronicles her journey to becoming a registered nurse and she hopes to encourage others in their journey.

Samantha "Sami" (McGee) Mancini '12 was featured in *Coastal Style Magazine* recognizing her mastery of the art of watercolor. She has received many commissions, most notably from La Croix in 2021, a nationwide carbonated water retailer, who commissioned her to create several custom watercolor designs for the global "Fizz Factory" Christmas campaign.

Samantha (Beaman) Wilt M'12 was honored with the Rising Professional Alumni Award by the SU School of Social Work, in honor of Social Work Month in March 2022. This award recognizes alumni who graduated within the past 10 years and demonstrate outstanding contributions to the social work profession.

Courtney (Montgomery) Calloway '13 & M'16 was appointed assistant clinical director of For All Seasons in Easton, MD.

Sean Harding '13 joined the firm of Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, LLP, Baltimore, MD, as a lawyer.

Jered Lyons M'13 was named the interim director of athletics for Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, MD. He also serves as sports information director, compliance coordinator and head women's basketball coach.

Matthew McKinley '13 was hired by Comprehensive Financial Solutions in Salisbury, MD, as the director of business development.

Erin (Mooney) Meredith '13 was elected to partner with Cotton & Company, Alexandria, VA, after joining the company in January 2016.

Kristen Pilchard '13 assumed the role of controller for First Shore Federal Savings and Loan Association, Salisbury, MD, after joining the company in August 2021 as assistant controller.

Nicholas Rice M'13 earned the certified public procurement officer credential from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council. He works for Wicomico County, MD, as a purchasing agent.

Zachary Townsend '13 & M'15 of the Health Sciences School at Salisbury University was awarded SU's Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Fellowship by the SOTL faculty learning community.

Lauren Zarin '13 was promoted to program officer for the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore in Salisbury, MD.

Matthew Anderson '14 was ranked 16 out of 100 on the InsiderNJ's 2021 Millennials Power list.

Mohamad Dajani '14 was honored by Salisbury University's Alumni Association with the 2022 Young Alumni Achievement Award. (See page 17.)

Miranda Ebeling '14 was a finalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. She is a special programs teacher at the English Language Support Center, Salisbury, MD.

Lindsay Harrington M'14 was named a 2022 Teacher of the Year finalist for Worcester County Public Schools. She is a science teacher at Stephen Decatur Middle School, Berlin, MD.

Gloria Majchrzak '14 completed her Master of Science in business analytics from the University of Maryland.

Patrick Murnane '14 started at Harford Community College in Bel Air, MD, as an academic advisor.

Timothy Peake '14 was a semi-finalist for the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County Public Schools. He is as a second grade teacher at Pinehurst Elementary School, Salisbury, MD.

Adam Quigley '14 was added to the sports science and performance department of LA Galaxy, Carson, CA, as an athletic trainer.

Richard Ashley '15 was promoted to vice president and chief financial officer of First Shore Federal Savings and Loan Association, Salisbury, MD.

Rebecca Handel '15 is the new head field hockey coach for Caesar Rodney High School in Camden, DE.

Garrett Johnson '15 was a 2022 Teacher of the Year candidate for Dorchester County Public Schools. He is a physical education teacher at Hurlock Elementary School, Hurlock, MD.

Taylor Linker '15 graduated in May 2021 from Towson University with her Master of Science in (community) health sciences.

Catherine Mucciolo '15 was recognized as a professional honor society member by SU's Financial Management Association after being awarded the 2021 Superior Chapter Award.

Olivia (Smith) Tyndall '15 was named the school level 2022 Teacher of the Year for Worcester County Public Schools. She is a math teacher at Snow Hill Middle School, Snow Hill, MD.

Heather Westerfield D'15 was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan to the Maryland Board of Nursing for a four-year term.

Carly Bodolus '16, '20 received the Daisy Award from TidalHealth Peninsula Regional Hospital where she serves as a registered nurse. She was nominated by a family member of a patient who said she "put (her) heart and soul into caring for our mom."

Luke Campbell '16 competed in the 400-meter hurdles in the Tokyo Olympics representing Team Germany. It was his Olympic debut with a personal best. (See page 21.)

Allison Channell '16 joined Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore, Salisbury, MD, as their engagement coordinator.

Molly Dale '16 was welcomed by Salisbury University as a clinical assistant professor of nursing in the College of Health and Human Services.

Elliott Earhart '16 was named the first Sandy Brown Public Interest Intern by the Mid-Shore Pro Bono, Princess Anne, MD. The program provides law school students with a stipend while learning in the areas of public interest law, non-profit management, community service and basic work experience.

Sara Grantham '16 joined The Gunston School in Centreville, MD, as a chemistry teacher.

Morghana Hungerford '16 was named the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Charles County Public Schools. She is a second grade teacher at Arthur Middleton Elementary School, Waldorf, MD.



Matthew Jackson '16 and R. Avery Showell '17

Matthew Jackson '16 and **R. Avery Showell '17** (above) were featured on the cover of *The Washington Informer Bridge* for their work in radio and music discovery at their new radio station at the Eaton Hotel.

Lorissa McAllister '16 was hired by the Town of Snow Hill, MD, as the town's new economic development director.

Kaylee Miller '16 joined Rauch, Inc. of Easton, MD, an architectural firm, as an architectural illustrator.

Breck Sullivan '16 wrote the article "Sea Level Rise Forces Wetlands Inland. But Is There Room for Them?" for the Chesapeake Research Consortium of Edgewater, MD. She is part of the Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) team.

Shelbie Thompson '16 joined the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Salisbury, MD, as the development and donor relations officer.

Michael Webber '16 & M'18 started a new position as director of student success at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD.

Jenna Haines '17 & M'19 serves as a behavioral health clinician for the Milford Police Department in Milford, DE, and was featured in an article in *Bay To Bay News* where she was recognized for her contribution to law enforcement in situations with someone who is in a troubled state of mind.

Scott Kurtz M'17 was named Bayside South 2021 Coach of the Year for a second time in a row. He is the varsity softball coach at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, MD, and led the team to the number-two seed in the state 3A-South region.

Matthew Powell M'17 (right) was welcomed to the board of directors for the Wor-Wic Community College Foundation, Salisbury, MD.



Matthew Powell M'17

David Root M'17 was appointed as a board member for the Rehoboth Beach Main Street in Rehoboth, DE.

Katelyn (Kirby) Speert '17 is running for a seat on the Carroll County (MD) Board of Education.

Paige Torpey '17 joined Peninsula Plastic Surgery, Salisbury, MD, as a certified registered nurse practitioner.

Jacob Austin '18 was a finalist for the 2022-23 Teacher of the Year by Indian River School District. He is a teacher at Millsboro Middle School, Millsboro, DE.

Howard "Howie" Harris '18 earned the Daisy Award for Exceptional Nurses from TidalHealth Peninsula Regional Hospital, Salisbury, MD, for his outstanding kindness to patients.

Emily Hawkins '18 joined the Requard Center for Acute Rehabilitation of the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton, MD, as a physical therapist.

Alyssa Hazel '18 spoke at the Frankford Public Library, Frankford, DE, discussing her two books and imparted some of

the passion she has for books, writing and words.

Brian Morley M'18 was a 2022 Teacher of the Year candidate for Dorchester County Public Schools. He is a teacher at Maple Elementary School, Cambridge, MD.

George Ojje-Ahamiojie '18 was elected to the board of directors for the Greater Ocean City (MD) Chamber of Commerce and will serve a two-year term.

Alexis Roskovich M'18 was featured in the *Salisbury Daily Times* for her volunteer work with the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore for the past three years.

Valerie (Warden) Birkeland '19 is a math teacher and head coach for girls' basketball at The Gunston School in Centreville, MD.



Charlotte Blain '19

Charlotte Blain '19 (left) received an Emmy award for her part as coordinating producer for *Entertainment Tonight*.

Skyler Dahlgren '19 was hired by KasCon, Inc. of Columbia, MD, as a new project manager.

Martina Maya-Callen '19 was featured in *The Frederick News-Post* in an article "Artist Activist Martina Maya-Callen

Raises Social Awareness About Body Positivity," highlighting a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a permanent space for her organization Love Your Vessel in Frederick, MD.

Tiffany (Chandler) Newport M'19 joined the Kent School, Chestertown, MD, as the school counselor.

Keri Pfitzenmayer M'19 was named one of *Allegany Magazine's* 2021 40 Under 40. She is a full-time sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Steven Seiler '19 was appointed by Beach Memories in Berlin, MD, to the role of glass apprentice.

Amy Vennos '19 was welcomed by Salisbury University as a lecturer of mathematics.

2020s

Jeremiah "Jay" Copeland '20 made his national TV singing debut on *American Idol*, winning a platinum ticket at his audition, which fast forwarded him to Hollywood, and finishing in the top seven. (See page 13.)

Morgan McGlone-Smith '20 & M'11 earned the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award, earning an English Teaching Assistantship to Romania.

Glory Ngwe '20 was hired by CNN in the Washington, DC, bureau as a news associate. She works on the broadcast scripts for Wolf Blitzer, Jake Tapper and John King.

Brad Apgar '21 was drafted 85th overall by Georgia

Gwinnett College's Swarm in the 2021 NLL Entry Draft.

Kimberly Arriaga-Gonzalez '21 earned the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award, earning an English Teaching Assistantship to Peru

Abigail Boltz '21 earned the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award, conducting research in Finland.

Brianna Bowen '21 is the new administrative assistant for SU's Instructional Design Delivery and Satellite Operations offices.

Johannah Cooper '21 was awarded the Affinity Leader of the Year by the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, Salisbury, MD, for her leadership with SU's student United Way.

Casey Holihan '21 and her husband, John Noe, contacted the Schmidt Baking Company after being stranded in an icy traffic jam on I-95 in Virginia for more than 20 hours in January 2022. They spotted the company's bread truck in the jam up and requested the company allow them to distribute bread from the truck to those stranded in the traffic jam. She received a call from the bakery's president 20 minutes later, who had instructed the driver of the truck to open it up. They distributed the bread to very relieved people, including children.

N'Tumahawa Kamara '21 earned the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award, earning an English Teaching Assistantship to Bulgaria.

Sandes Saintil '21 received the Rail Achievement Award from Salisbury University, an award for a recent graduate of the elementary or early childhood education programs.

Nathaniel Sansom '21 earned the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award, earning an English Teaching Assistantship to Slovakia.

Kersey Walters '21 joined the survey crew as a field technician for Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., Salisbury, MD.

Dylan Williams '21 was a 2022 Teacher of the Year candidate for Dorchester County Public Schools. He is a music teacher at Maple Elementary School, Cambridge, MD.

Kennedy Workman '21 designed a mission patch that was the chosen winner of a competition for Terps in Space, an extension of the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program, a program of the University System of Maryland. Her patch was created for Mission 16 space travel, expected to travel in late 2022.

Christian Gattei '22 earned the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award, conducting research in Brazil.

Aida Dodoo '22 earned the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award, earning an English Teaching Assistantship to Madagascar.

Melanie Staszewski '22 earned the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award, conducting research in Poland.

Kylie Webb '22 earned the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award, earning an English Teaching Assistantship to Czech Republic.

MARRIAGES



Megan (May) Howie '97 and her husband Eric Hermann had a vow renewal ceremony in Easton, MD, in celebration of their May 2021 wedding, which was small due to the pandemic. Pictured with the bride are (from left) Tori (Matuzewski) Cavallo, Laura Rice '81, Jenn (Alocca) Bennett '97, Sandra (Henriques) Stevens and Amy (Frailey) Werkheiser '97

Sherri (Davis) Partee '94 and Victor Partee – June 28, 2021

Bryan Siegert '01 and **Katelin (Rowley) Siegert '07** – July 10, 2021 (next page)

Douglas Morgan '03 and **Jeannine (Zabrenski) Morgan** – June 19, 2021

Nathan Follmer '04 and **Christy (Wray) Follmer '10** – October 2, 2021 (next page)

Matthew Vecchiolla '04 and **Ashley (Martin) Vecchiolla '06** – April 21, 2021 (next page)

MARRIAGES continued



Bryan Siegert '01 and Katelin (Rowley) Siegert '07



Nathan Follmer '04 and Christy (Wray) Follmer '10



Matthew Vecchiolla '04 and Ashley (Martin) Vecchiolla '06



Ashley (Martin) Vecchiolla '06 with her sister Katharine "Katie" Martin '11 and Kelly Martin '13



Carl Blicke '08 & M'10 and Allison (VanOcker) Blicke '11: Pictured are (from top left) Andrew Marrocco '03 & M'05, Will Murdoch '06 & M'08, SU Track &Field Coach Jim Jones, Drew Landgren & M'16, Zachary Dickerson '09, Cori (Aldinger) Graves '10, Eric Graves '08, Buck Stokes and Carl Blicke '08 & M'10 (bottom from left) Michelle (Brown) Phelps '11, Ally (VanOcker) Blicke '11, Megan Blue '11 and Anna Steinman '13 M '15



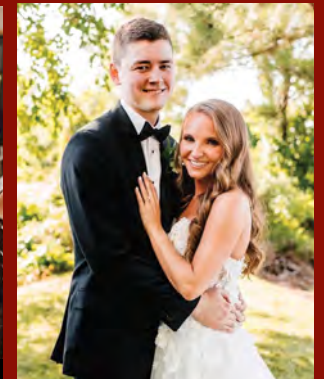
Jonathan "Johnny" Rodriguez '12 and Cristina (Johnson) Rodriguez: Pictured are James Burton '16, Kyle Gallagher '13 & M'20, Matt Cannone, Timmy Swinburn '11, Knute Kraus '15 & M'18, Evan Hockel '12 & M'14, Luke Phipps '15, Mike Schwab '11, Mike Kane '15 and Tyler Granneli '13 & M'16



Alexander McLean '15 and Dominika (Gawryolek) McLean '15



Kelsie (Schmith) Muth '15 and Stephen Muth: Pictured are (front from left) Gina Giordano Reich '02, Alexandra Dunlap '15, Bride, Rebecca Handel '15 and Eric Gillies '15, (back from left) Collan Van Ess '15, Mandy (Zornak) McFadden '15, Jeremy Skarda '16, Haley Davies '19, Joshua Mueller '15, Nick Stumbroski '15 and Daniel Albers '15



Taylor Line '18 and Megan (Charest) Line '18



Nicholas Hynson '18 and Kaydee (Jones) Hynson: Pictured with the bride and groom and Shane Ryan '17, Kristen Murphy '18, Gianna Falcone '18, Nathan Simms '19, Alex Aiosa '18, Kayla Burchell '19, Alexis Kirkey '20, Rachel Wigglesworth '18, Thomas McManus '19, Justin Snellings '18, Alexandra Greer '18, Paul Fischer (AKA PJ Greer) '18 and Taylor Garner '20

Carl Blicke '08 & M'10 and Allison (VanOcker) Blicke '11 – June 25, 2021 (above)

Jonathan "Johnny" Rodriguez '12 and Cristina (Johnson) Rodriguez – August 1, 2020 (above)

Alexander McLean '15 and Dominika (Gawryolek) McLean '15 – September 30, 2021 (above)

Kelsie (Schmith) Muth '15 and Stephen Muth – September 24, 2021 (above)

Keirsten (Baker) DeBoer '16 and Will DeBoer – October 16, 2021

Jared Lacey '16 and Jacqueline (Lucas) Lacey '16 & M'21 – March, 2022

Nicholas Hynson '18 and Kaydee (Jones) Hynson '17 & M'18 – October 3, 2020 (left)

Taylor Line '18 and Megan (Charest) Line '18 – June 12, 2021 (above)



Oliver Gray '08 Babies



Kelly (Cann) Fidler '11 Baby



Chelsey (May) Syniowycz '11 Baby



Tia (Newman) Wright '13 Baby



Alexander Taylor '14 and Allison Toomey-Taylor '16 Baby



Connor Cooney '15 Baby



Heather (Meek) Kidd '15 and Jonathan Kidd '16 Baby



Eric Moss '15 and Anna (Breon) Moss '15 Baby



Teresa (Rogers) Seipp '15 and Sarah Seipp '15 Baby

BIRTHS

Megan (Jennings) Gsvind '03 and Robbie Gsvind – Daughter: Hadley Peach Gsvind
 Oliver Gray '08 and Tiffany Gray – Son: Rowan and Daughter: Willow (above)
 Brian Willhide '10 & M'14 and Shana Willhide – Daughter: Ashling Kathleen Willhide
 Kelly (Cann) Fidler '11 and Corson Fidler – Son: Brady Fidler (above)
 Chelsey (May) Syniowycz '11 and Adam Syniowycz – Daughter: Aria May Syniowycz (above)
 Tia (Newman) Wright '13 and Joseph Wright – Son: Theodore Jameson Wright (above)
 Alexander Taylor '14 and Allison Toomey-Taylor '16 – Son: Bowden Alexander Taylor (above)
 Connor Cooney '15 and Shelby Cooney – Son: Declan Michael Fordham Cooney (left)
 Heather (Meek) Kidd '15 and Jonathan Kidd '16 – Son: Easton Asher Kidd (above)
 Eric Moss '15 and Anna (Breon) Moss '15 – Daughter: Audrey Louise Elizabeth Moss (above)
 Teresa (Rogers) Seipp '15 and Sarah Seipp '15 – Son: John "JT" Thomas Seipp (left)

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Ellen (Wells) Cropper (unknown YOG) – September 7, 2021

Roberta (Morris) Parsons '41 – July 10, 2021

Elizabeth "Betty" (Duncan) Murphy '43 – January 27, 2022

James R. Wright '46 – February 21, 2022

Ellen M. (Parks) Ruark '49 – May 22, 2021

Richard R. Bounds '50 & '53 – September 11, 2021

Beatrice M. (Goldsborough) Robinson '50 – May 15, 2021

Barbara E. (Pugh) Bloodsworth '51 – February 11, 2022

Donald P. Turner '51 – January 21, 2022

Agnes (Cantlay) Gismondi '52 – January 23, 2022

Marie (Doyle) Bastianelli '53 – February 27, 2022

Lloyd C. Fry '53 – April 8, 2021

Virginia D. (Graybeal) Van Sciver '53 – January 15, 2021

Harriett (Dickinson) Russell '55 – August 20, 2021

Roland A. Foskey '56 – April 22, 2022

Edward L. Stephens Jr. '56 – March 16, 2022

Charles A. Blizzard IV '57 – February 2, 2022

Stanley W. Bozman '59 – July 18, 2021

Wilson "Bob" C. Gray '59 – November 26, 2021

Elizabeth "Betsy" B. Anderson '61 – April 16, 2022

Joyce A. (Gilbert) Collins '61 – August 11, 2021

William E. Caine '63 – December 25, 2021

Barbara J. (Loller) Camp '63 – March 6, 2022

Donna R. (Ward) Wigglesworth '64 – December 9, 2021

Kenneth T. Haskell Jr. '65 – May 28, 2021

Shirley A. (Pusey) Cropper '66 – January 8, 2022

William P. Abbott '67 – December 29, 2021

James P. Quillen '68 – January 8, 2022

Darlene J. (Conrad) Wilson '68 & M'76 – July 16, 2021

Alice E. (Gillian) Rudelmier-Reed '69 & M'76 – February 11, 2021

Charles E. Bozman Jr. '70 – May 19, 2021

Cathy L. (Adams) Draper '70 – September 1, 2021

Nancy E. (King) Benjamin '71 – December 6, 2021

Harry F. Hall '71 – September 6, 2021

Mary F. (Ratcliffe) Whitelock '71 & M'78 – October 3, 2021

Donald E. Clayton '72 – April 22, 2022

Donald Joe Koehler M'72 – November 3, 2021

Steven "Tolly" D. McCoy '72 – December 29, 2021

Andrew A. Giunta M'73 – June 14, 2021

Mary "Lyn" (Stafford) Welty '73 & M'81 – October 17, 2021

Cheryl A. (Whalen) Dietrich '74 – February 28, 2022

Mary M. Hourigan M'74 – October 11, 2021

Nancy (Grant) Lewis M'74 – December 26, 2021

Eunice M. (Shifflette) Pogue '74 & M'79 – May 29, 2021

Rebecca L. (Culver) Webster '74 – March 4, 2022

Harry G. Hall '75 – November 30, 2021

John F. Layo M'75 – September 19, 2021

Raymond L. Thomas '75 – April 30, 2021

Joan D. (Ridgeway) Madeksza M'76 – July 3, 2021

George "Tony" A. McNabb M'76 – November 1, 2021

Alan "Buck" N. Wuertenberg '76 – December 17, 2021

Linda R. (Gattuso) Beall '77 – August 20, 2021

Iris V. (Polk) Jackson M'77 – June 4, 2021

Sharon F. (Northam) Jamison '77 – July 16, 2021

Joan H. (McWilliams) Marchewka '77 – March 8, 2022

Lynn (Wilkerson) Abbott '79 – May 18, 2021

Susan C. (Russell) Baer '79 – February 1, 2022

Margaret "Peggy" (Hall) Bagley '79 – May 17, 2021

Luanne M. Bedwell-Nieves '79 – July 16, 2021

Ronaleen A. (Osborne) Gapetz M'79 – January 17, 2022

James A. Powell Jr. M'79 – October 31, 2021

Elizabeth (Lazzara) Fusaro '80 – November 24, 2021

Richard J. Holloway '80 & M'88 – October 18, 2021

Shirley M. (McCaughy) Moore '80 – May 8, 2021

Loetta B. (Ward) Wilkins M'80 – June 23, 2021

James "Jay" H. Ball '81 & M'93 – April 20, 2022

Laura J. Gulyas '81 & M'90 – December 2, 2021

Darian D. Tisinger '81 – November 7, 2021

Linda A. (Hemmings) Wiles '81 – September 19, 2021

Penelope "Penny" E. (Martin) Mann '82 – February 10, 2022

Anna "Marie" (Foster) Hogsten M'83 – December 29, 2021

James A. Rew '83 – December 21, 2021

Kelley (Phillips) Cox '84 – May 3, 2021

Alice (Smith) Evans '85 & M'93 – July 11, 2021

Nancy C. Lynch '85 – January 21, 2022

John R. Morris Jr. '86 – October 10, 2021

Larry A. Thomas '86 – September 2, 2021

Sandra L. (Embry) James '87 – June 4, 2021

Deborah L. (Peltz) Wesson M'87 – March 14, 2022

Tamara S. (Higbee) Mathias '89 – September 17, 2021

Linda L. Ferebee M'90 – April 4, 2022

Linda M. (Smith) Allen '92 – October 17, 2021

Ronald "Rogn" J. Poisker '92 – November 28, 2021

Patricia L. (Hipe) Mitchell '93 – March 29, 2022

Pamela M. (Saul) Morrison '93 – August 18, 2021

Stephen R. Schummer '93 – March 20, 2021

Crystal M. (Blackiston) Armstrong '94 – January 20, 2022

Kelly T. Wroten '95 – March 27, 2022

Daniel P. Hopkins '96 – February 19, 2021

Christina A. Sheehan '96 – October 20, 2021

Teresa L. (Fields) Simmons '96 – October 3, 2021

Dennis W. Leonard '97 – November 12, 2021

Anne L. (Dellinger) Havens '99 – January 29, 2022

David T. Radziewicz '99 – August 7, 2021

Robert A. Bullock '01 – April 25, 2022

Anne Marie (Murphy) Ruby '01 – August 3, 2021

Carmon D. Molnar M'02 – January 3, 2022

Drew W. Brenner '03 – September 30, 2021

Erika D. Sommer '05 – September 23, 2021

Kristen D. Pickelsimer '08 – June 21, 2021

Peter A. Sunderland '13 – December 25, 2021

Tammy L. (Nicholson) Maunes '14 – August 6, 2021

Donna F. (Grogan) Warner '14 – April 12, 2022

Desirae E. Parkinson-Guillot '16 – October 25, 2021

IN MEMORIAM FACULTY & STAFF

David F. Dianich, Chair of Business School 1978 to May 1981 – August 2, 2021

David E. Duitscher, Information Technology – February 10, 2021

Thomas G. Elliot, Professor & Chairman of the Music Department – October 20, 2021

Patti T. Erickson, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences – December 24, 2021

Ellen C. Girardeau, Professor of Women's History – April 30, 2022

Maxine (Vandevander) Harden, Executive Administrative Assistant, Information Technology – March 23, 2022

Earl W. Johanson, Physical Plant – December 4, 2021

Norman M. Johnson, Professor of History – January 7, 2022

William E. Palmer, Associate Professor of Modern Languages – February 19, 2022

Susan E. Parks, School of Social Work Eastern Shore Higher Education Center Site Coordinator – December 21, 2021

Norman S. Pitts, Physical Plant – February 7, 2022

Christopher B. Roberts, Physical Plant – September 30, 2021

Geraldine A. (Nardi) Rossi, Professor of Mathematics – February 21, 2022

Teresa L. (Fields) Simmons, School of Social Work/Center for Healthy Communities Director – October 3, 2021

Donna M. Test, Manager of Conference Planning – February 24, 2022

Phyllis B. Wright, Custodial Services – July 27, 2021

In Memoriam Margie Knight

Measuring the impact of an educator on the lives of those students they came in contact with is nearly impossible. Margie Knight, who passed away this summer, was not only an educator, but a coach, a confidant, a role model and most importantly a friend to all those in her life.

The statistics can tell the story of her success on the field and the court. As a student-athlete at Salisbury University, she was a three-sport star in basketball, softball and volleyball, inducted into the Salisbury Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995.

As head coach of the SU volleyball program for 16 seasons, she posted a 405-175 record including eight conference championships, eight NCAA tournament appearances and a trip to the NCAA elite eight round.

Leading the softball program for 25 years, she was one of only 14 coaches in Division III history to



reach 800 career wins, finishing with a career record of 846-209-2 along with 18 conference titles, 20 trips to the NCAA tournament, nine College World Series appearances and three trips to the NCAA finals.

However, she would be the first to credit the players, assistant

coaches and others around her for her incredibly successful career. She would often remark how her true successes were in the intelligent, caring young women who graduated from her programs and became role models themselves as teachers, lawyers, doctors or even coaches.

The Margie J. Knight Endowment for Softball Excellence was started by alumni of the program after Knight's retirement in 2020. To learn more about this endowment celebrating and honoring her, visit giving.salisbury.edu.

Knight liked to tell her players about the redwood trees being the tallest on the planet, but they could only stand because of their strong root structures intertwining with each other. The height of the individual was due the strength of the group. Her influence runs deep with the teams she led and the roots are strong because of her impact.

FACULTY & STAFF RETIREMENT

Salisbury University bid farewell to over 30 recently retired faculty and staff who have influenced thousands of students throughout the years. They are (date of hire in parentheses):

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT AND ANNUAL GIVING

- Melinda Khazeh (1987) - See page 25

ART DEPARTMENT

- Paul Flexner (1997)
- Dean Peterson (1984)

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

- Dr. Ann Barse (1994)
- Dr. Mark Frana (1988)

SU BOOKSTORE

- Deborah Johnson (1991)

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

- Dr. Paul Scovell (1980)

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- Jenny Howard (2008)

COUNSELING CENTER

- Eleanor Coleman (2005)

EARLY AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- Dr. Patricia Dean (2002)

FINANCIAL SERVICES OFFICE

- Joanna O'Neal (2004)
- Tony Pasquariello (1992)

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

- Claudia Hannon (1993)

HOUSEKEEPING

- Lawrence Jones (1998)
- Cynthia Nichols (1991)
- Robert Taylor (1998)

INFORMATION AND DECISION SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

- Dr. Karen Papke-Shields (1997)
- Dr. Kathleen Wright (2000)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE

- Karen Bowden (2001)

SU LIBRARIES

- Susan Brazer (1999)
- Audrey Schadt (1989)

LITERACY STUDIES DEPARTMENT

- Dr. Joyce Wiencek (2006)

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

- Dr. Barbara Wainwright (1981)

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PROGRAM

- Dr. Diane Davis-Hayes (1990)

MODERN LANGUAGES AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

- Dr. Louise Detwiler (2004)



MODERN LANGUAGES AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AND SU PRESIDENT EMERITA

- Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach (2000)

SCHOOL OF NURSING

- Dr. Judith Jarosinski (2010)
- Dr. Rita Nutt (2005)

PHYSICAL PLANT

- Edmond Daugherty (2004)
- Bruce Davis (2008)
- Bernard Livingston (1992)
- Kevin Mann (1989)

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

- Karen Penuel (1995)

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

- Pam Penuel (1995)



ALUMNI HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

October 28-30, 2022

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sea gulls
fly home and
**trick or
treat**
.....



- Fantastic Flock Party
- Costumes & Carnival for Kids
- Candy, Beer & Wine
- Multiple Athletic Events
- Reunions Galore

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