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# Letter from the President

Greetings! Salisbury
University continues, in so
many ways, to make a name
for itself as A Maryland
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Distinction, from its award-winning faculty and top-notch students to its ever-changing campus footprint and exceptional cultural opportunities. With SU's consistent acknowledgements in national guidebooks and our exceptional academic quality and results, you don't need to drive down Route 13 here in Salisbury to know that the campus is on the move.

#### **Quality and Value**

SU recently was named one of Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine's Top 100 Best Values in Public Colleges for the fifth consecutive year. Salisbury also was ranked by U.S. News & World Report for the 16th year in a row, appearing among the Top 10 Public Regional Universities in the North and one of the most efficient. In addition, for the 14th consecutive year, SU is one of The Princeton Review's The Best 377 Colleges and The Best Northeastern Colleges. And *University Business* magazine last year named SU a "Model of Efficiency." These accolades are a reflection of our alumni, who continue to advance in their careers while giving back to their Alma Mater in a variety of ways, and our dedicated faculty and staff, who make our students' experience exceptional.

Such accomplishments have not gone unnoticed by prospective students. Over 8,800 students applied for 1,200 seats in the fall 2012 incoming class. In five years, SAT scores have risen 50 points. Overall, SU's 8,600 students come from 33 states and 69 nations.

## An Active Community of Scholars

Our students have many opportunities to gain hands-on experience through undergraduate research, study abroad, professional internships and civic engagement. For example, five SU



students, in the past three years, have earned prestigious Environmental Protection Agency fellowships. Geography

majors assisted FEMA with mapping damage assessments following Super Storm Sandy. Two worked for CNN and the State Department at the national political conventions, and another joined the writing staff of Ryan Seacrest Productions.

Faculty members representing all of our endowed schools have distinguished themselves as a cut above the rest. Mike Koval of the Accounting and Legal Studies Department earned the Hewitt Master Teacher Award from the Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Dr. Envue Lu of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department earned over \$300,000 from the National Science Foundation to make SU an official Research Experiences for Undergraduates Site, allowing students to explore computer and information science during the summer. We also have two Fulbright Fellows: Drs. Eugene Williams of Biological Sciences and Richard Hoffman of Management and Marketing are teaching and researching in Iceland and Estonia, respectively, this year.

# Meeting Student and State Needs

As a public university, we recognize the workforce needs of the state and are committed to meeting those demands. Helping to address nursing shortages, SU launched its first doctoral program, in nursing practice, last fall, and faculty are already working on a distance-accessible format to expand it statewide. Nursing students again have the highest NCLEX pass rates of all baccalaureate programs in Maryland. And, starting in fall 2013, a new collaborative B.S.-to-M.S. program in cybersecurity with the University of Tartu and Tallinn University of Technology in Estonia will allow SU students to gain

international experience at recognized institutions in this rapidly growing field. SU also has established an official Environmental Studies Department, already attracting more than 120 majors.

#### **Campus Growth on the Horizon**

We also have more and exciting physical changes coming up. Next fall, our tennis courts on the main campus will move to their new location on East Campus, adding to the athletic facilities concentrated in that area. And, at long last, preparations will begin moving forward for construction of our newest and largest building on campus, the Academic Commons. This facility will replace SU's Blackwell Library, built in 1958. More than the traditional library, however, SU's Academic Commons will be the hub of student learning on our campus. Besides the expanded space for books, journals and other research resources, the Commons will house the Center for Student Achievement, the Nabb Center for Delmarva History and Culture, classrooms and other spaces for student group work, a cyber café, faculty gathering space, an auditorium, and a variety of other spaces in support of research and learning. Later this semester, I'll have an exciting announcement regarding a major private gift related to this project.

#### **Gulls Fly Home**

The continual rise in stature of Salisbury University is due to the students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends who make up the fabric of our outstanding institution. As President, I thank you for your continued support and welcome you back to campus to show your Sea Gull pride. We celebrate Homecoming Weekend October 11-13, 2013. I hope to see you there!

Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Ph.D. President, Salisbury University



In the rapidly expanding alcohol-manufacturing field, several SU alumni are making names for themselves through utilizing local resources, innovation ... and even a little nostalgia.

Bryan Brushmiller '00

Burley Oak Brewing Company in Berlin, MD

Scott Folkins '79

Caribbean Wave Beverage Company in Annapolis, MD

Timothy M. Miller '91

National Premium Beer in Easton, MD

Mike Scarborough '76

Running Hare Vineyard in Prince Frederick, MD

# Burley Oak: KEEPING IT LOCAL

For Bryan Brushmiller '00, Burley Oak Brewing Company in Berlin, MD, is a love letter to his community and the unique qualities of craft brewing.

When asked why he opened Burley Oak Brewing Company, Bryan Brushmiller replied with a chuckle, "because I needed a job." He shared: "Starting a business that involved expanding my passion for making beer, well, just made sense. Also, it has always been very important for me to be able to create jobs for the local community; with Burley Oak, I have been successful in doing so for eight people."

Between distributing their product and running a tavern in Berlin, MD, this group has their hands full. Burley Oak's tavern is open seven days a week, operating until 2 a.m. most nights. They have live music every Friday and Saturday night and offer free tours on the weekends. This is definitely a tour that should not be missed. Whether it be by owner or head brewer, the experience is very personal and interactive.

This small brewery is comprised of a collage of copper and stainless steel tanks, which help create over 30 different brews. Even though the production capacity is small, this system turns out beers with big taste. Although they can currently produce in a year what a fully automated brewery can do in a day, you get that truly hand-crafted taste in each batch, and that's what they are all about.

Although Burley Oak imports some of their grains and hops, they make every effort to use local resources. You will see rye in their beers from a farm in Snow Hill, hops from farms within the county, and fruits and spices from their own Berlin Farmer's Market. Burley Oak has an ongoing relationship with all of these local farmers to continue to source the best ingredients. Not only does the brewhouse purchase ingredients from local farmers, but they also return the favor by sending their spent grains to local farms to feed cattle.

While being open only 18 months, Burley Oak is proud to have their product served in over 75 establishments throughout Maryland and D.C. It took more than hard work to get where they are today ... having the beer to back it up is key. Burley Oak is constantly working on ways to set themselves apart from other breweries. Whether by making a beer with no hops or experimenting with a variety of ingredients to push the limits of brewing, they have set a pace that has not gone unnoticed in the industry. Taking these chances has not only set Burley Oak apart from other breweries, but has awarded them with unimaginable opportunities. In February, Burley Oak was one of less than 30 craft breweries (out of over 2,000) invited to a prestigious micro-brewery competition in New England.







# Caribbean Wave:

### BRINGING THE ISLANDS HOME



My journey to creating my business began while relaxing. For 18 years, I was with Procter & Gamble in Florida, where I worked on sales and marketing for beverage brands, including Sunny Delight, Folgers Coffee and Hawaiian Punch. During this time, I took a number of trips to the Caribbean for business and fun. While relaxing

Inspired by an island paradise, Scott Folkins '79 shares how he

translated his sales and marketing expertise into opening Caribbean

in this island paradise, I became really impressed with the local cocktails.

Wave Beverage Company in Annapolis, MD.

Wanting to learn more, I asked the island-tenders (what we call bartenders in the states) about the ingredients and how they made each cocktail. Many of the island-tenders gave me their recipes and the actual ingredients for each cocktail so I could make them at home. After I served these drinks to my friends and neighbors, I started to have some folks ask if I could make them for various parties that they were having at their homes and businesses. As I saw how popular these drinks were becoming, I began to refine the drinks and look at how I could package them for sale – and that was the start of Caribbean Wave Cocktails.

In 2008, I started to really think about how I was going to market and sell my product line. With the sales, marketing and product development experience I received from working so many years at a Fortune 500 consumer products company, I started testing the cocktails, developing packaging and pricing

with input from many consumer focus groups, and hosting sampling events that confirmed that I was on to something great! As I started to enter the marketplace of alcoholic beverages, the timelines to receive approvals were much longer than I experienced when I worked with Procter & Gamble.

Even with the unexpected continual delays, I stayed the course using some of the skills that I learned at Salisbury State (as it was called when I was there). As a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Maryland Sigma Chapter at Salisbury, I gained real-life networking skill development and management skills. The leadership skills that I learned in helping to grow the fraternity gave me the organizational skills that I needed to be successful in business. The other opportunity that provided me with a tremendous amount of experience was managing the Gulf gas station that was partnership between Gulf Oil, the business school and Dresser Industries. I believe it was called the Sea Gulf Project at the time.

I was the manager in 1978-1979; it was a one year assignment. This was a fun year and right in the middle of a major gas shortage when we had to implement a state-mandated, odd-even license plate purchase system for consumers. I had to manage gas allotments and balance volume and pricing to keep the station open along with ensure consumer happiness. We had a very profitable year, and we were able to pay employees a bonus that year. This opportunity really got me interested in one day owning my own business.

Now that I've realized that dream, I appreciate all of these experiences and am grateful to many people who took time to coach and teach me many skills – combined with the one-on-one engagement that I had with the business school faculty. This gave me the advantage I needed to start my consumer product career with Proctor & Gamble, which led to where I am today with Caribbean Wave Cocktails.

Where the Wendy's is currently located on the corner of College Avenue and U.S. Route 13, there was a self-service Gulf Station. Dresser Industries used the station to test prototype pump systems. The Salisbury Business Department provided management for the station and the manager was selected from Salisbury State business students. The manager was responsible for hiring staff, pricing and total day-to-day operations of the station. There was a board made up of students and faculty who selected the manager each year.



## Timothy M. Miller '91 details how his love of antique advertisements led to him reviving National Premium beer.

Bringing back National Premium beer started in a most unlikely place, McMahan Oil Company. McMahan Oil, owned by my family since its inception in the 1940s, included a string of Amoco gas stations and a distribution center on Easton Point in Easton, MD. The company was sold in 2001, but we kept a lot of the antique gas pumps, signage and related equipment. I am not sure why, but I just always liked that kind of stuff. After we sold McMahan Oil, I moved into the real estate business early in the housing boom. After I sold a property, I would reward myself with a trip to a local antique store usually resulting in a purchase of some old brewery advertisements or "brewerania." As I became more successful in real estate, I purchased more and more brewerania, which led to my interest in bringing back a brand from the past, National Premium.

So, how did I actually bring back National Premium? While reading the Wall Street Journal one Sunday, I saw an advertisement for a trademark auction that referenced many "retired" brands. I happened to notice that the trademark for National Premium was listed. That is where the journey began. I attended the trademark auction in New York City. At first, some of the trademarks were going for \$30,000-\$35,000. After a few rounds, the prices dropped dramatically, and I was able to buy the rights to National Premium. That was step one. Step two was getting the formula so I could actually have the beer brewed. I did not know how to brew beer at the time, so I had to find someone who knew the recipe and actually knew how to brew the beer.

At about the same time, I made an appearance on the television show American Pickers. This show is about two guys who are into antiques and travel across the country buying things from dealers and people's homes.

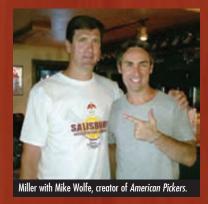
I used the funds I received from selling some of my McMahan Oil signage to the hosts of American Pickers to start the National Brewing Company and bring back National Premium after so many years off shelves. On the show, I was able to refer to National Premium twice as well as give Salisbury University some publicity by wearing an SU men's lacrosse national championship shirt (on loan from Coach Jim Berkman) throughout the taping. That seed money enabled me to start the process of finding a seasoned brewer to bring back National Premium brand with its original recipe. After making endless phone calls and new contacts, I finally connected with Ray Klimovitz. Ray is the technical director emeritus of the Master Brewer's Association and a consultant to brewers around the country. With some help from other Brewmasters, he was able to recreate the formula from the mid to late 1960s. Ray called people all over the country to find out what the original recipe was for National Premium. We finally pieced the recipe together and got as close as we could with the materials that exist today compared to its original era. Our first test batch of 20 gallons was ready for sampling in December 2011. We were VERY PLEASED with the taste and were ready to start making beer!

Currently, National Premium is brewed in Dover, DE, with distribution all across Maryland and Delaware. The long road from McMahan Oil Company to National Premium was one that would not have happened if I hadn't started at Salisbury in the late 1980s. I could go on for a long time about what Salisbury has done for me, but probably the most important part is the contacts that I made during the time I spent on campus and the alumni I have met since. Many of my former classmates and teammates have contributed to this project. I learned a great deal while at SU; I wouldn't be the same person if I had not gone there at that exact moment in time.

# National Premium:

## A PRODUCT REVIVAL











# Running Hare:

## A FRENCH INSPIRATION

Through several French connections, Mike Scarborough '76 explains how he came to own Running Hare Vineyard in Prince Frederick, MD.

So how did I go from owning and running Scarborough Capital Management, which is a leader in 401k advice and management, to buying a farm in Southern Maryland with my wife Barb and turning part of it into a vineyard? Well it's complicated. When I was a child, I spent some time living in France. During that time, I was engulfed in a new culture that was very different than the United States. Part of that culture is children having wine at various occasions. This experience started a passion for wine that did not stop when I moved back to the States.

Fast forward a few years to when I graduated high school and started to attend Salisbury State. I really enjoyed my time at Salisbury where I played on the first football team and was one of the founding fathers of the school's Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter. Being involved in both of these activities along with going to class (of course), really helped to bring out the entrepreneurial spirit in me. It taught me how to manage my time and really gave me the professional skill set that I use every day of my life. Couple that with the great faculty members that I had for class who really went above and beyond to prepare me for life and you have a winning combination.

From there I went on to start Scarborough Capital Management, which has been successful

enough over the years for me to purchase a farm in Prince Frederick, MD, near where I grew up. The main reason I wanted to buy a farm with a lot of land was that I have a love for hunting. I have hunted all around the world from Africa to South America, going after everything from deer to elk. So when I bought the farm, it was to be used as a private hunting area where I could have a place to hunt the animals that were native to the area such as rabbits, deer, etc. After living on the farm for a while, I realized that the conditions were ideal for growing grapes. With my previous experience in France and Barb being half French (her mother is from Bordeaux, France), we knew we had a tremendous opportunity to follow a passion that both of us have had for a long time, which was owning a vineyard and making wine.

I started winemaking as a hobby in 2003 when the first 100 vines were planted. Since then, we have added several varietals. In 2008, with a tremendous amount of hard work by Barb and me, Running Hare Vineyard was born. Our philosophy for winemaking has been to grow grapes that grow well in Southern Maryland and to also import grapes from all over the world. This way we can make the types of wine that we enjoy at the quality that we expect. From the initial 100 vines, Running Hare has grown to approximately 5,000 vines on 8 acres of land. We have added a Tuscan-styled building that has been used for various events ranging from weddings of all sizes to Salisbury University alumni events. Each of our wines has won medals in competitions, which we are very proud of, but at the end of the day, it all comes back to our passion for making wine – and drinking a little of it too.









Alumnus Greg Burzynski '07 is helping unravel the roots of the animal kingdom.

While pursuing a Ph.D. in geology at Queen's University in Canada, Burzynski has conducted field studies to examine fossils of some of the earliest forms viewable with the naked eye.

Working at Bonavista Peninsula and Mistaken Point on the tip of Newfoundland, his project last summer involved photographing 579-million-year-old organisms dated to the Ediacaran Period on the Geologic Time Scale.

"They are believed to have been either very primitive animals or a sister-group," he said. "The more we can answer about them, the clearer the picture of our own evolution."

His work is intended to shed light on the nature of the fossil organisms. Many are disk-like in shape, with different appearances. Others are frond- or fern-shaped with a circular end structure that may have tethered them to the sea floor.

The solely discoidal fossils are understudied, so Burzynski's research explores whether they are all independent organisms, all parts of the frond organisms, or various things.

"The relationship between organisms of the Ediacara biota and modern forms is contentious, as they rarely resemble any living form; that's part of what makes this field rewarding and, at times, frustrating," he said.

Burzynski graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in biology and a minor in earth science. His love for original research began at SU, working on projects including studying the palynology (pollen) and paleoecology (ancient ecosystems) of the Delmarva Peninsula from the Holocene geological epoch. He also has found working as a teaching assistant and lab instructor very rewarding.

"Queen's has one of the top geology departments in the world, with ample endowments and top-notch professors," said Burzynski. He wanted to study under Dr. Guy Narbonne, who is respected and widely published in the field of Ediacaran paleontology.

"Guy has told me that he accepted me as a student because of my background in biology, which I got at SU," Burzynski said. "The undergraduate research I was able to partake in was an excellent introduction to how the type of science I'm interested in is done. Also, I had some excellent role models in the Biological Sciences and Geography and Geosciences departments."

Burzynski also recalled being a lab assistant for Dr. Eugene Williams' cell biology course, receiving help from Dr. Mark Holland on course requirements and discussing science and graduate school with Dr. Kimberly Hunter.

Burzynski earned an M.S. in geology at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, before starting at Queen's in September 2011. He hopes to complete his Ph.D. in 2014 and eventually become a professor of paleontology.



Burzynski's field assistant Katrina preparing casts at Upper Island Cove.



Beothukis mistakensis at Upper Island Cove.





Salisbury University alumnus Stephen Reilly '95 didn't need a new job.

The Global Experiences firm he started in 2002 is doing quite well, having grown to some 27 employees who help place several hundred students in internships and jobs with organizations abroad annually.

But an opportunity to assist the alumni arm of the Fulbright international exchange program, and to help change more lives, was too good to resist.

Reilly recently was named executive director of the U.S. Fulbright Association, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit with over 6,000 alumni members – including himself.

"This just feeds my soul," said Reilly, explaining that being a Fulbright scholar in Sweden in 1998-99 was one of the greatest experiences of his life.

"Steve was selected from a very strong field of 145 applicants," said Patricia Krebs, association president. "[He] brings a strong background to the role ... and a passion for international exchanges. He has been very active in the Fulbright Association, serving on the board of the National Capital Area Chapter since 2009."

Reilly takes over at a time of change for the 35-year-old organization. He hopes to use his people skills and interests in areas including technology and social networking to help it grow.

"Fulbrighters have gone on to great success in health care, media, technology, politics and other areas," Reilly said. "But the one thing that can be improved is an interconnectivity to accelerate the missions of their organizations." He wants to engage more of the 110,000 past U.S. participants, especially fellow young alumni

who have new entrepreneurial ideas.

Since graduating from SU with a 4.0 GPA and a B.A. in communication arts, Reilly has lived on four continents and visited 40 states and 51 countries. His passion for traveling really started when he passed up Georgetown Law School for a one-way ticket to teach English in Hong Kong.

"A lot of us finish school and start living someone else's dream, so I'm happy I got on that plane," he said. He later earned a master's degree in peace and conflict studies, and met his future wife, Emily, while on his Fulbright at Uppsala University.

Reilly credits SU and the Fulton School of Liberal Arts for offering a diverse academic curriculum that gave him a rich background.

"My coursework across many areas of interest helped make me a jack of all trades," he said. "Now I see there is a lot of opportunity for people like that. This job is the culmination. I'm able to talk to anybody about anything. Though I didn't know what to do with my degree at first, I have realized that it taught me how to learn."

While Reilly earned his Fulbright after his time at SU, the campus has a long history of faculty recipients. Charles Overholt recently was SU's first student winner.

Reilly hopes more alumni and students will apply. This desire to raise awareness is among the reasons he dusted off his resume and applied for his new position.

"People from the State Department, Harvard and MIT wanted this job, and they chose a kid from Salisbury," he said. "It's unique and wonderful that a Salisbury grad has taken this role."

Reilly began his duties in January 2013.

# For the Love of the Run

Chris Sams' passion for running – which led him on a journey across the United States – all started with Salisbury University's annual Turkey Trot.

In November 2005, the then-junior was bummed out from a shoulder injury that ended his days of playing rugby with SU's national championship-winning club team. A friend convinced him to instead try competing in the holiday-themed 5K. Once Sams took off running, he never looked back.

In August 2012, Sams, a 27-year-old personal trainer, embarked from Baltimore on a 3,139.15-mile Run Across America to spread messages about health and wellness. He finished less than five months later, in January 2013, in San Diego.

"You can talk yourself into or out of anything, and I believe that I can do this," he said before departing. "The mental challenge is much greater than the physical aspect. Running or training is basically a mind game; you have your ups and downs."

Sams ran about a marathon a day, stopping along the way to speak at schools to promote an active lifestyle. He spent nights with host families, who exchanged room and board for personal fitness tips, nutrition goals and workout programs.

"Running across America may seem very daunting, but you have to take one step and one day at a time, and break it down into many races," he said.

Sams, who graduated in 2006 with a B.S. in exercise science, is a longtime sports fan who helped SU rugby earn a national title in 2004. He purchased his first *Muscle & Fitness* magazine at age 12 and over the years "fell in love with the fitness world."

Sams trained with his friend and alumna Jessica Urie '06 for his first half-marathon in Lewes, DE, and later, the Men's Health URBANATHLON® obstacle course challenge in New York City. He has done the Boston Marathon three times, iron man races lasting over 10 hours and a 50-mile mountain trail run in Lake Tahoe.

"You can be physically fit, but the thing most people don't realize is that you have to be mentally tough," Sams said.

This can-do attitude is what Sams strives to instill in his clients. "My favorite aspect of training is pushing someone's limits far beyond what they imagined," he said. "It's not only about losing weight; it's about how they feel about themselves and their confidence."

Sams credits his required internship and his SU professors, including former department chair Susan Muller, with fueling his interest.

"After studying exercise science at Salisbury, I was well equipped to earn my American Council on Exercise certification," he said. While interning at the former Ocean City Health and Racquet Club, he also connected with others in his major, including Kelly Whalen Wilchinski '04, Todd Bauer '05 and Sara Handschuh Easley '03, who later helped him land his first job at the Merritt Athletic Club in Baltimore's Federal Hill.

He later moved on to FX Studios, which has a partnership with Under Armour. He trained Under Armour employees and traveled to places ranging from New York City and Boston, to Birmingham, AL, Los Angeles and Seattle to work with sponsored athletes and models for commercial shoots. He even made a few advertising appearances himself.

After his run, Sams plans to open his own company, New Addiction Training, in New York City. Attracted to the energy of that city, he hopes to contract with gyms in private hotels and luxury condos to offer elite personal training.

"When someone starts training with me they keep training," Sams said. "They develop a sense of addiction to a good thing. I absolutely love what I do. I don't consider it work."

Sponsors of Sams' journey included Under Armour for apparel, Whole Foods Market for nutrition and lululemon for yoga sessions. He also raised money for three charities: Wounded Warrior Project, Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults and Soles4Souls.

John Moxley '05, a friend and fellow SU graduate, said: "It is a testament to the University and the exercise science program that Chris left with such a passion for the field that he studied."

To watch a KFMB-TV news clip about Sams' finish, and see the pair of Nike's that he wore for the entire journey, visit samsacrossamerica.com.







## From Kindergarten to Kindergarten ... My Years in Caruthers Hall

By Debra Clark '76 & '97

Debra Clark has a unique perspective on Caruthers Hall: She began her education career there, and she later worked there and was instrumental in the creation of the building that has since replaced it. Days before her retirement from SU as the executive administrative assistant to the dean of the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies, Clark shared her memories of Caruthers and the University she witnessed grow around it.



I was born in 1954, probably around the time the wiring was being installed in the new Caruthers Hall, which would open in the fall of that year. In 1959, when I was 5, children were not required to attend kindergarten, but my parents decided to enroll me anyway (maybe they needed a break by then) and Salisbury State Teachers College had this great private school. So off I went.

The school had kindergarten through sixth grade, all down one hallway. You could start at one end, go through fourth grade down one side of the hall and then "graduate" to the other side for fifth and sixth. The kindergarten room was huge to me. It included a wooden playhouse that could hold eight or ten kids. There were other play areas and an area for our mats for our nap. I guess we learned things, but it was all done in such a way that we thought we were there to have fun.

After kindergarten, it got a little tougher. We had to sit at desks all day! We did have recess and even participated in the May Day ceremonies on the lawn in front of Holloway Hall. At Halloween, we had a big parade through each classroom to show off our costumes, which were homemade back then.

The most profound memory of my time at the "Campus School" was seeing Miss Riall in the hallways. Pauline Riall was principal for many years and endowed Salisbury State for both scholarships and for our Riall Lecture Series, which still brings well-known educators to campus twice a

year. Miss Riall would stand at the end of the hall and watch the students as they made their way to the auditorium for assemblies. Very scary. Another good memory of Miss Riall was in first grade. I was sitting at my desk in the back of the room (I was the tallest kid in the class and always in the back of the room) trying to take a test that was written on the board. In comes Miss Riall and sits down next to me! Talk about scary. I had very poor eyesight as a child and at that time no one knew I needed glasses, so I couldn't see the board. Miss Riall asked me why I wasn't doing the test and I started crying and told her I couldn't see. She told me not to worry, talked to the teacher and got me moved to the front of the room. When my mother came to pick me up that day, Miss Riall was there to tell her that I needed an eye exam.

I bid the Campus School farewell after second grade and thought that would be the last time I would be in Caruthers. Even though I received a B.S. in business in 1976 from Salisbury State College, a B.A. in music in 1997 from Salisbury State





University and was the coordinator for the 10th annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in 1998, I didn't see the inside of Caruthers and thought I never would. Au contraire!

After NCUR, I was offered a position in the Department of Education assisting in the upcoming accreditation and my office was, you guessed it, in the same area where the kindergarten classroom had been, but I didn't realize it. I then moved to the other end of the building as administrative assistant to the education graduate studies program and stayed there until 2004 when I became the admin. for the dean of the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies.

Off to the other end of the building I

went. Yep, back to my kindergarten room. This time I figured it out. The dean and I were talking about the Riall Lecture, and I mentioned how Miss Riall would stand at the end of the hall and watch us. That's when I realized the "end of the hall" was right outside my office. Once the elementary school had ceased, the kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms were converted to office space for Education and Social Work departments. The kindergarten room, where I once played in the playhouse and napped after morning snacks was now the dean's suite and the Social Work Department. For four years, I worked in my little (and I do mean little) windowless office, but all that time I was on the



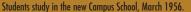
Teacher Education and Technology Center (TETC) Building Committee. You better believe I made sure the dean's office suite would be spacious and inviting to faculty and students.

Even though the space in Caruthers was cramped and the squirrels in the overhead space serenaded us on a regular basis, I was a little teary eyed when we moved our files and phones into our beautiful new building in the summer of 2008. I've been in Caruthers many times since our move to volunteer at Delmarva Public Radio. I've also toured the building recently to see if there was anything salvageable before it is torn down in 2013, and I must say it's not like it was when I was in kindergarten in 1959. But I still can see Miss Riall in her brocade suit watching us go to assembly.

Thank you Miss Riall and thank you Caruthers Hall.











# Life of the Party

#### SU Interns at the National Conventions

As the nation geared up to elect its next leader last fall, two SU seniors were at the center of the action. Jessica Cahill and Chelsea Brown became the first SU students to intern at the national conventions. Cahill was assigned to CNN during the Republican National Convention and Brown worked with the U.S. State Department Foreign Press Center at the Democratic National Convention. From meeting famous and important people to finding career inspiration, the two reflect on their experiences at the conventions.

#### **A Transformative Experience**

By Jessica Cahill '12

My fieldwork was with CNN and because of my communication arts background a lot of what was going on was very familiar. In the world of public relations, it really is a 24/7 job. I was able to witness reporting by anchors and saw the types of questions asked that are needed for great interviews. The high point of my time at the Republican National Conventions was hearing Governor Romney accept the nomination for president. I was able to sit in the arena, hear his speech, and witness all the balloons and confetti falling from the ceiling. The atmosphere was energetic; people were so passionate and excited to be there. During my fieldwork, I loved helping associate produce CNN Newsroom with Brooke Baldwin. I was able to learn a whole new software called iNews all in one day and rehearsed the teleprompter with Anderson Cooper before one of his shows. One day as I waited in line at Starbucks. I ran into former Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich and I met almost all of the CNN anchors and Romney sons. The convention was transformative for me. It made me realize that I want to work combining politics and media together.

## A Participant in History

By Chelsea Brown '13

I was an Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE) Presidential Citizen Scholar when PACE announced that they were sponsoring a contest to send two students to the conventions. I wrote my application essay on why I deserved to go to the convention and what the Democratic Party means to me. I can still remember my excitement when telling all my family that I had won. It was one of my proudest moments.

I think both my communication arts and political science backgrounds gave me a strong foundation for everything I was exposed to at the Democratic National Convention (DNC). The most interesting part was seeing all the different news organizations that were covering the DNC from all over the world. It was also fascinating to hear how they would portray the events that I was attending and see the spin that they put on them.

I followed American politics and elections closely for my political science degree, allowing me to be educated and informed on some of the most significant issues and concerns that voters have. Learning about the important role conventions have on campaigns and elections was important when I was participating in the DNC activities and watching it play out live right in front of my eyes. That was my "Wow!" moment. Connecting what I was taught and participating in such a historical moment was surreal.

There were so many professionals in such different settings; it is hard to say which ones were most amazing. From The Washington Center, I really enjoyed working with Aaron Brown, former CNN anchor, because we got to have one-on-one chats that were more personal to my career goals, and the advice he gave me was priceless.

My long-term goal is to become an expert in national and international security and the policies that affect them. I am currently working as a security specialist for the federal government and want to expand on that knowledge and apply it to a career as a security analyst either in counterterrorism or counterintelligence. Because of these aspirations, the State Department Foreign Press Center briefings at the DNC were all fantastic. I enjoyed hearing and meeting experts on all different areas of national security and foreign policy: Michele Flournoy, Obama for America



advisor and former undersecretary of defense for policy; Colin Kahl, Obama for America advisor; and Marie Harf, associate policy director for national security, Obama for America.

Of course, I would have to say my very favorite moment was being in the arena for the keynote speakers. Former President Bill Clinton's keynote speech on the second night of the convention was one of the highlights of my life. He is my favorite president of all time, and he gave a powerful speech that electrified the full arena. Then to top it all off, President Obama came out when Bill Clinton finished and surprised us all. That was an amazing moment I will carry with me forever!



# Alumni Spotlight:

## Hazel Berman '82 (Business Administration)

#### **Current Employer**

Hewlett Packard

#### **Current Occupation**

Business Manager

# What Is The Most Important Thing You Learned While Attending Salisbury?

I think the most important things I learned while in school were communication and collaboration. I think the ability to work well in a team environment and articulate ideas and opinions in a constructive manner has enabled me to be successful at work. The smaller class sizes at Salisbury enabled me to build relationships and practice communication in a comfortable and safe environment.

## In What Campus Activities/ Organizations Were You Involved?

I contributed to *The Flyer* newsmagazine my junior and senior year. As a senior, I was the editor. For several years, I participated in the Business and Economics Society and was the president of the group my senior year. I worked in the dining hall my junior year.

# What Is Your Best College Memory At Salisbury?

Life-long friends. I still keep in touch with many of my college friends – many of whom recently came back to Salisbury for our 30-year homecoming.

#### Why Did You Choose Salisbury?

I was the youngest of three children. My two older sisters went to the University of Maryland. My parents suggested I think about a smaller school. It came down to Frostburg in the mountains or Salisbury near the beach. I've always liked the beach! That's really how I ended up in Salisbury!

# If You Could Describe Salisbury In Three Words, What Would They Be And Why?

Foundation: Salisbury provided the foundation of learning and experiences for me to be successful in my career. I don't know that I recognized it at the time, but many of the skills I possess today – which have contributed to my success – can be attributed back to my time in Salisbury.

Growth: Being at Salisbury was a period of growth for me – both educationally and emotionally. It helped me build confidence. It enabled me to find my way and forge a path toward success.

Friends: I made many life-long friends who I keep in touch with to this day. Whenever we all get together, it's like a flashback to a very happy and carefree time for all of us!

#### **Describe Your Career Path**

My first real job after college was working for Electronic Data Systems (EDS). I started as an accountant working on journal entries, month-end close and database management. After about six months, I was promoted to a financial analyst role and was responsible for management reporting for our federal business unit. After that, I was assigned to a contract in Texas and provided direct support (financial reporting, month-end close, budgeting). I was promoted to supervisor and then moved to Austin.

After several years, I took a break from direct support and spent about a year and a half on TDY (temporary duty) assignments in California; Boston; Washington, D.C.; and North Carolina. During this time, I mostly worked on procurement support/new business analysis and audit support. Next, I was assigned to Raleigh, NC, to oversee the acquisition and transition of a software company into EDS. I spent five years there and was promoted to director of finance and administration where I led a team of about 20.

After North Carolina, I moved to Sacramento to be the finance director of a large IT contract we had with the State of California to run their Medicaid program. My primary responsibilities included financial reporting, new business analysis, month-end close, invoicing, budgeting and client support. I spent 17 years in this role and, at times, provided financial leadership for numerous contracts in the region. During this assignment, EDS was acquired by Hewlett Packard. I'm currently in a business manager role, supporting three contracts in Texas. It's hard to believe that I celebrated my 30-year anniversary on December 1. Though, with all the moves, different assignments and change to HP, it sometimes doesn't feel like 30 years!



#### **Favorite Vacation Spot And Why?**

It's hard to list just one as I love to travel and am always happiest when something is in the queue. But, I'll have to say one of my all-time favorite vacations was to Italy. I spent two weeks in Tuscany and Florence (with a side trip to Zurich) and it was wonderful. After living in California for 18 years, I've come to love and appreciate fine wine, so Tuscany was a very appealing trip. It is a beautiful place – very rural with rolling hills of vineyards and castles (and lots of wineries). Every day brought a new adventure - Pisa, Sienna, Lucca, Volterra. Florence filled me up with art - the museums there are amazing, and there are huge statues everywhere! It was like being transported back to another time.

#### **Greatest Accomplishment?**

I've managed to stay with the same company (well, almost, if not for an acquisition) for my career to date. When I started with EDS, I never expected to stay at the same place for so long, but with numerous assignments and relocations, it really didn't seem like the same place. In today's world, a 30-year anniversary is almost unheard of. Sometimes I think I should have moved on, but deep down, I'm proud of the career path I've had.

## What Is Something People Don't Know About You?

I'm pretty much an open book – there's not much people don't know about me!

#### **Hobbies/Other Interests?**

Traveling, wine tasting, baking, spending time with friends and family.

#### President Wishes Abbott a Fond Farewell

Debbie Abbott '76 has shared her time and talents with SU for several decades as a long-serving member of the SU Foundation, Inc.'s board of directors, active committee member, and champion for SU and its students. She also has been the friendly host of the University's monthly PAC 14 program SU on the Air. In August, she hosted her last show, with SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach as guest. The president turned the tables on the interviewer, asking Abbott the questions and spotlighting this amazing alumna. The following is an excerpt from this heart-felt interview.

• President Dudley-Eshbach:
• One of the things that keeps you so close to the University is that you and your husband Rodney ['76] are both alumni. Do you have a memory or two about back when you were a student – not so long ago – and how the campus has changed since then?

• **Debbie:** I do have lots of great • memories. I actually came to SU as a transfer student. I made that move because my vision of college was to be in small-size classrooms and have the opportunity to have a relationship with the professor where you could ask questions and you could get more personal guidance than sitting in a 500-plus lecture hall. That's what drew me to SU. The neat thing about it is that there is still that same small-classsize experience for the students today. ... The campus is much larger and even more beautiful. There are a lot more programs than when I first came to campus, but a lot of the most important things haven't changed. And, the things that have changed are for the better.

President Dudley-Eshbach:
 What influenced your decision to come back ... as a member of our SU Foundation Board?

• **Debbie:** I was influenced by Liz
• Bellavance [wife of late SU President Thom Bellavance]. She and I would see one another at different community events, and she said: "You're an alum. You really ought to re-engage." I thought, you know, she's right, I really should. So, thanks to her encouragement, I came back. And, boy, it's been great.

• President Dudley-Eshbach: You've • served on the boards of many organizations ... you're a very busy woman. Why is it that this type of community service is so important to you?

**Debbie:** I think that all of us who are involved in community service would probably say something similar. And that is, we probably benefit far more than the benefits that we are giving to the organizations. It is really an honor to be part of any of those organizations because they are all doing such important work. ... You think if I had a family member in need of hospice care [Debbie is on the board of Coastal Hospicel, I want to make to sure that it's there for all of us. And the HALO program [Debbie is on the board of Hope And Life Outreach] – it's just critical that there be some programs where people who are in need of a meal can find a meal, and people who are in need of a night's shelter can find that shelter. It's been really enjoyable to be a part of these organizations, and they have taught me so much. I've learned a lot that I can use in my business world [Debbie is senior vice president – lending group manager for The Bank of Delmarval and I've met the most wonderful people.

President Dudley-Eshbach: How
 would you encourage students and others to get involved?

• **Debbie:** A lot of people have done • many things that are encouraging students. Like here at the University, I know that you have ... strongly encouraged all the students to get involved in some kind of community work. And, when I look at the public schools,





they have a community service element that is required for graduation. There are many, many people and organizations out there that are encouraging young people to get involved. Once they try it, they're hooked for life because the feeling of satisfaction of helping somebody, of putting a smile on a little child's face because one of your college students is out there tutoring or mentoring or training someone or helping them in any way. Once you feel that feeling of satisfaction, you're hooked. ... This is going to bring about an important enhancement to the lifestyle of all of the residents of the Shore.

**President Dudley-Eshbach:** Debbie this has been a great opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to you on behalf of the entire University and on behalf of this show, *SU On The Air.* I cannot tell you how much your support of your Alma Mater has meant to us and will continue to mean.











#### **GRADUATE STUDIES IN FOCUS**

# The Growth of Graduate Education at SU

Salisbury University has come a long way since it opened its doors in 1925. During the course of its history, the University has undergone a stunning transformation from a two-year normal school for elementary teachers, to a fullfledged university, offering baccalgureate and post-baccalaureate degrees in a wide range of academic and professional disciplines. Salisbury University, which has a total enrollment of some 8,600 students, is the largest institution of higher education on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Graduate students account for some 10 percent of the total headcount, and the University's graduate division is growing steadily. From 2001 to 2011, SU's graduate enrollment increased by approximately 15 percent.

## New Degree Programs Aligned with Occupational Trends

Since 2010, two graduate degree programs have been added, both of which address regional and national occupational trends.

In fall 2010, SU introduced its M.S. in applied biology. This academically rigorous program offers students several paths to completion: a regular M.S. program with thesis and non-thesis options, or an accelerated track for exceptional undergraduates. Students in the accelerated program complete their undergraduate degree in four years, plus one additional year to earn the master's degree. The University developed this program in response to the increasing demand for skilled technicians in the laboratory, biotechnology and

environmental sciences. The curriculum emphasizes skills development in a research setting and relates practical experiences to a strong background in theory.

In fall 2012, SU rolled out its first doctoral program, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.). The University hopes that the program will help address the need for a more educated nursing workforce. The curriculum focuses on using evidence-based practice and technology to guide administrative and clinical decisions, as well as policy development. SU's D.N.P. is one of only three in the State of Maryland and the only such program on the Delmarya Peninsula.

# Competitive Research and Funding Opportunities

Current economic and occupational trends across the region and across the nation are calling for a more educated workforce. There is an ever-increasing demand for high-quality graduate students to help strengthen the University's research, scholarly and teaching activities. "In order to attract high-achieving graduate students, we must create research and funding opportunities that are competitive with those of other colleges and universities," explained Clifton Griffin, SU's dean of graduate studies and research. To meet this need. SU and the SU Foundation, Inc. have created the Graduate Fellows Program.

During SU's inaugural graduate student alumni gathering, held November

2012 at the Market Street Inn in Salisbury, attendees had the opportunity to mingle and support the Fellows Program. The program is designed to attract high-quality applicants who plan to enroll full time in an SU graduate program, and it is open to all U.S. citizens. Fellowships will be granted based on a formal nomination and evaluation process supervised by the dean of graduate studies. Each award will be \$5,000 per year for up to two years.

#### **Internal Support**

SU created several important initiatives aimed at promoting and strengthening its graduate division. The Graduate Student Council (GSC) was founded in November 2011 to give graduate students a stronger voice and presence on campus. In September 2012, Dr. Diane Allen, SU provost, convened a campus-wide summit on the future of graduate education at SU.

Also in 2012, SU introduced a travel grant program specifically for graduate students. The Research and Presentation (RAP) Grant provides up to \$500 to help support graduate students develop research and scholarly projects with a faculty supervisor and present their projects at various conferences and meetings. The program enables students to receive recognition for their work and provides networking opportunities and professional development in their field of study. In its inaugural year, SU awarded over \$8,000 in RAP grants across a variety of academic disciplines.

#### The Graduate Degree for You

SU offers 15 graduate degrees in a range of disciplines. For more information about graduate studies, visit: www.salisbury.edu/gsr

#### Master's Degree Programs

- Applied Biology (M.S.)
- Applied Health Physiology (M.S.)
- Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution (M.A.)
- Education Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.)
- Education Educational Leadership (M.Ed.)
- Education Reading Specialist (M.Ed.)
- English (M.A.)
- Geographic Information
  Systems Management (M.S.)
- History (M.A.)
- Mathematics Education (M.S.M.E.)
- Nursing (M.S.)
- Social Work (M.S.W.)
- Teaching (M.A.T.)

#### **Doctoral Program**

Nursing (D.N.P.)

# Cottle Reaches Top of Lacrosse World with MLL Title

Dave Cottle's ('78) life in lacrosse began just two years prior to entering Salisbury State College. He played for two years in high school before becoming one of the top Sea Gulls the program has ever seen. And during that time, he never wavered that he was meant to coach.

While at Northern High School in Baltimore, his football coach, Lon Russ, told Cottle that he needed to play lacrosse in the spring during his junior and senior year. Russ not only started Cottle's run in the game, but he was also one of the strongest influences on a career in coaching that continues this year in the professional ranks.

After two years of high school lacrosse, Cottle enrolled at Salisbury, where, in 1974, he was a part of the first varsity team in the program's history. The team was made up of holdovers from the club lacrosse team in previous years, private and public high school players, and junior college transfers.

"It was a melting pot," Cottle said.
"There were a lot of guys who were at
Salisbury for different reasons, but
they all had a common goal and that
was to try to be successful athletically
and to work together. We had great
team chemistry and it was a
tremendous experience for me
personally that I got to meet such

great people."

As part of the first intercollegiate team in the program history, Cottle helped establish the groundwork for a program that has gone on to win 10 national championships. In his four seasons, Cottle scored 179 points and had 123 assists, both totals still rank fifth in program history, he also sits fourth among all players with 302 career points. He earned two All-American honors and also was an

honorable mention All-American.

"Playing on those teams, the games were really important to us," Cottle said. "We may not have been the best team, but we invested a lot, we worked really hard at what we did, we were committed to a cause, we were committed to trying to be successful, and I think that's what makes sports so special."

His time in maroon and gold not only cemented his love for lacrosse but also made it clear that coaching was what he wanted to do. After remaining on the staff with the Sea Gulls for two seasons, he left having adapted the coaching principles of a number of Salisbury coaches that he still utilizes today. He was influenced not only by Andy Jones, Salisbury's first lacrosse coach, and Charles Clark, who he was an assistant under for a year, but also Mike McGlinchey, Salisbury's football and wrestling coach.

Cottle's head coaching career began with a two-year stint at the Severn School before launching back to the collegiate ranks where he became one of the winningest Division I coaches in NCAA history while at Loyola University and the University of Maryland College Park for a combined 28 seasons.

When his time at Maryland ended in 2010, Cottle spent very little time wondering what his next job would be when the phone rang and he was given the chance to enter the professional ranks with the Chesapeake Bayhawks.

"It was easy," said Brendan Kelly, the owner of the Bayhawks, who also was coaching the team during the 2010 season when he hired Cottle. "Obviously, from a coaching standpoint, Coach Cottle is one of the greatest. What he did at Loyola is incredible, what he did at Maryland





Bayhawks owner and Salisbury's own Brendan Kelly (left) hoists the Steinfeld Cup after winning the 2012 MLL championship.





was incredible. I think that he's very passionate and his players love him. It was important to me to find somebody who I thought could take over the team long term, which I knew was Coach Cottle – it just took me a couple years to convince him of it."

Cottle was brought on as a consultant during the 2010 season as the team made a late-season run to earn its third Major League Lacrosse (MLL) championship. He was the team's president in 2011 before taking the head-coaching job at Kelly's behest for the 2012 season.

The move paid off as the team's make-up consisted of great leadership and work ethic allowing the team to make a run to the MLL championship; the Bayhawks claimed the title with a 16-6 win over the Denver Outlaws, Cottle's first title as head coach.

"I've changed," Cottle said. "I used to think it was about Xs and Os. It's really about Jimmy and Joe. I think it's about getting a hard-working kid, a talented kid, a high-character kid, and you're going to get the most out of them."

The type of tough, gritty player who Cottle was when he began as a Sea Gull has been the type of player who he's found throughout his career and type of player who helped him to his first championships.



# ALUMNI EWS

## Dear Fellow Alumni,



Spring has arrived once again on campus at SU, and while many students are preparing for their commencement, the Alumni Office staff are already brainstorming for Homecoming 2013! Did you miss last

year? If so, I sure hope one of your resolutions this year was to make sure you and your friends and family made it back to campus for this amazing event.

Last October, we expanded on the success that we had back in 2011 with the Alumni Association-sponsored Homecoming Barbecue! We had alumni from all over the country make the journey back to Salisbury to see what has been going on since they left and catch up with



old friends. As always, there was something for everyone, even activities for the little future Sea Gulls!

It's not too early to start planning for October 11-13 and spreading the word about SU Homecoming Weekend 2013. Rally your friends now to make it a weekend you won't forget! I promise you won't be disappointed and will be blown away with what your Alma Mater has become!

Be sure to check out http://dlumni.salisbury.edu frequently for updates on Homecoming and all of the other events the SU Alumni Association sponsors throughout the year. You never know when there might be an event in your neck of the woods

I welcome the recent graduates to our alumni family and wish for them all the success that they have earned. Please keep in touch with us and your other friends from Salisbury University.

Thank you to everyone who supported SU with a gift in 2012. SU continues to rank No. 1 in the University System of Maryland for the percentage of alumni who give back to their school – a fact that provides 5 percent to our total U.S. News & World Report ranking. Please join me in contributing to SU in 2013 so SU's tradition of excellence lives on and continues to make us proud for years to come.

Respectfully,

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Robert T. Schultheis '00 Alumni Association Board President

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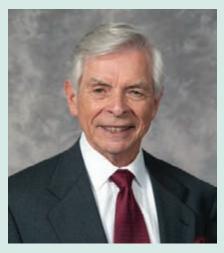
- Saturday, October 5: Sea Gull Century
- October 11-13: Homecoming
- October 18-20: Family Weekend



Learn more, register and stay connected with SU's online alumni community at <a href="http://alumni.salisbury.edu">http://alumni.salisbury.edu</a> and follow SU through social networking sites



# Carey Earns Alumni Leadership Award



Upon his graduation from Salisbury University in 1956 with a B.S. in education, E. Niel Carey was voted his class' Most Scholarly Man.

During the University's 87th-year Fall Commencement, he once again joined Salisbury graduates on the stage, this time to receive a different honor: the SU Alumni Association's Alumni Leadership Award.

In 1967, Carey joined the Maryland State Department of Education as supervisor of vocational guidance and state coordinator of career education. There, he developed a statewide plan for career education – one of the first in the United States. He also was honored by the Maryland Governor's Office for his contribution to gender equity in public schools.

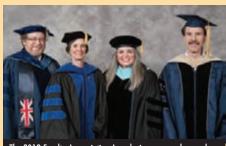
In 1985, he became executive director of the National Career Development Association in Washington, D.C., where he managed national conferences, surveys and professional publications. He also co-founded the American Association for Career Education and held leadership positions with the American Counseling Association.

He and his wife, Helen, endowed one of the University's first undergraduate education scholarships and the inaugural graduate student grant in the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies. They also have established a planned gift endowment to create a family history research room at the Nabb Research Center.

# 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 now being taken for Faculty Appreciation Awards to be presented by the Salisbury University Alumni Association at the December 2013 Commencement ceremony. The Alumni Association will honor one faculty member from each of the four schools who has made a lasting impression on alumni.

For a complete list of eligible faculty members and nomination guidelines, go to: http://alumni.salisbury.edu



The 2012 Faculty Appreciation Award winners were honored during SU's 87th-year Winter Commencement. (From left) Drs. T. Paul Pfeiffer, Judith Stribling, Teena Gorrow and Ken Smith

#### **Previous Recipients**

#### **Fulton School of Liberal Arts**

- Charles Cipolla 2001
- Donald Whaley 2002
- Jerry Miller 2003
- Harry Basehart 2004
- Tony Whall 2005
- Frances Kendall 2006
- G. Ray Thompson 2007
- Allan Pappas 2008
- Wayne Ackerson 2009
- Clara Small 2010
- George Whitehead 2011
- T. Paul Pfeiffer 2012

#### Perdue School of **Business**

- Gerard DiBartolo 2001
- Joseph Quinn 2002
- Douglas Marshall 2003
- Kashi Khazeh 2004
- Fatollah Salimian 2005
- Memo Diriker 2006 Susan Cabral 2007
- Robert F. Dombrowski
- **2008**
- Robert Settle 2009
- Michael Garner 2010
- Jeffrey Kottemann 2011
- Ken Smith 2012

#### **Henson School of Science** and Technology

- John Molenda 2001
- Edward Senkbeil 2002
- Augustine DiGiovanna 2003
- Donald Cathcart 2004
- Lee May 2005 Mark Holland 2006
- Harry Womack 2007
- Lisa Śeldomridge 2008 ■ Homer Austin — 2009
- Joseph Howard 2010
- Karen Badros 2011
- Judith Stribling 2012

#### Seidel School of **Education** and **Professional Studies**

- Geraldine Rossi 2001
- Keith Conners 2002
- John Wolinski 2003
- Carolyn Bowden 2004
- Patricia Richards 2005
- Bob Long 2006
- Marvin Tossey— 2007
- John Bing 2008
- Nomsa Geleta 2009
- Joel Jenne 2010
- Nancy Michelson 2011
- Teena Gorrow 2012

#### Fulton School of Liberal Arts 2012 Honoree: DR. T. PAUL PFEIFFER — THEATRE & DANCE

"He inspires his students to reach within themselves and achieve the best that they have to offer. His motivation and dedication to his students are amazing. He is willing to assist his students in achieving their dreams no matter what those dreams are."



#### Henson School of Science and Technology 2012 Honoree: DR. JUDITH STRIBLING — BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

"To say she positively influenced me is an understatement. I am currently a high school science teacher, and for the past 10 years I've been trying to be as amazing in and out of the classroom as Dr. Stribling is."



#### Perdue School of Business 2012 Honoree: DR. KENNETH SMITH — ACCOUNTING & LEGAL STUDIES

"Dr. Smith taught the most difficult class I have ever had at SU. Although hard, the class was very enjoyable because it was taught by a very knowledgeable professor. His teaching and his concern with the success of his students made a great impression on me."



#### Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies 2012 Honoree: DR. TEENA GORROW — TEACHER EDUCATION

"Dr. Gorrow is an amazing educator who truly cares for each and every student, both in her classroom and in classrooms across the country. A day in class with Dr. Gorrow is fun, exciting, inspirational and meaningful."



## New Alumni Board Members

The Salisbury University Alumni Association welcomes six new members to its board of directors: Kimberly Carney Gillis '99; Kelly A. Bulsak '02; Darren J. Jackson '04; Hayley R. Minner '04, M'04; Jason C. Copley '05; and Julius M. Jones Jr. '06, M'09.

Gillis earned a B.S. in marketing and is a senior associate at the architectural and engineering firm Becker Morgan Group, Inc. in Salisbury. She serves on the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Perdue School of Business Career Advisory Board. She earned the Chamber's Young Professional of the Year Award in 2012.

Bulsak earned her bachelor's in education with a minor in computer science, and later two master's degrees in applied education technology and in teaching and learning from Wilmington University. She is an IT education specialist at Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby, LLP, in Philadelphia.

Jackson earned a B.S. in business administration. He is the mid-Atlantic sales manager for the Bank of America, specializing in medical practice sales and acquisitions. At SU, Jackson was a resident assistant, president of the NAACP Chapter and chair of the Maryland Higher Education Commission's Student Advisory Council.

Minner earned a B.A. in Spanish and B.S. in elementary education and an M.A. in English with focus on Teaching English to Speakers of Others Languages (TESOL). She teaches ESOL at Stephen Decatur Middle School in Berlin. In addition, she is an ESOL content coach for participants in SU's TARGET grant program.

Copley earned a B.A. in psychology. He completed an M.B.A. with a leadership

specialization from Capitol College in Laurel, MD, while serving as that campus' director of development. He currently is the associate director of development for the Howard Community College Educational Foundation.

A two-time SU graduate, Jones earned his B.S. in business and psychology and later an M.Ed.. He serves as program manager for the National Preparedness Assessment Division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. At SU, he served as the coordinator of government relations.

"The Alumni Association Board of Directors is strengthened with the addition of so many new members with such diverse backgrounds and experiences," said Jayme Block '97, M'99, director of alumni relations and gift development. "I welcome their ideas and support in helping to enhance connections with other alumni."













### Maintaining 'Powerful Connections'

For 11 years, SU's Multicultural Student Services' Powerful Connections program has provided a orientation for students of color. Led by Vaughn White, this three-day program partners participants with student mentors and showcases the activities, clubs and services available at SU.

Three Class of 2012 graduates exemplify how Powerful Connections has made a positive difference in students' lives. Taylor Hall, Keren Richardson and Vanice Antrum connected through the program as freshmen and remain friends. Their success and friendship are testaments to the strength of the program.

Hall, who completed her degree in biology, is currently working as a microbiology lab technician and has started on a graduate degree in medical laboratory technology. She shared: "Multicultural Student Services became my second home and a place of comfort. The office will forever be a big part of my experience at SU and a huge factor in who I am today."

Richardson reflected on her experiences during her time at SU: "The people I met within these programs provided me with the tools, advice and sometimes even scoldings I needed to make me a better student and



person. I've gained lifelong friendships, met staff who have become like second parents to me, and gone to events that challenged my mind and boundaries as an individual."

Antrum enjoyed her time at SU so much that she did not want to leave. Currently the graduate assistant for orientation and leadership in the Student Activities Office, she hopes to make the same impact on incoming freshmen that was made on her four years ago: "The people who I met, the programs that I attended, and the support I received made me a better student and a better person. Through this program, I have had the ability to grow and flourish and develop skills that I never knew I had."

These ladies are just a few examples of how Multicultural Student Services and the Powerful Connections program make a positive impact in so many students' lives. If you know of a student who would benefit from this successful program, please contact Multicultural Student Services at 410-548-4503.

# Alumni Athletic Reunions: Gulls Fly Home



Softball Alumni Game • October 13, 2012













Alumni Scholarship Recipient Kelsey Larger





North Carolina Happy Hour





Alumni Scholarship: Kelsey Larger was the recipient of the 2012 Alumni Scholarship.

**CRU Reunion:** The inaugural SU Campus Crusade (CRU) Reunion for 2000-2011 graduates was held on March 10, 2012. The reunion featured guest speaker Pastor Tim Jones, Fusion Fellowship Church and the CRU Worship Band.

#### **Graduate Student Happy Hour:**

Graduate students gathered for the first time on November 15 at Market Street Inn in Salisbury. Pictured are (from left) Christy Weer M'96, Yvonne Downie M'95 and Melissa Boog M'00.

Southern California Happy Hour: Alumni gathered at Taste and Thirst in San Diego, CA, on September 20. Pictured are (from left) Jodie Lehrer '07, Carrie Bitsko '97, Alexis Morrell '08, Alex Booras, Chris Calabrese '00, and Kevin Stierhoff '98 and fiancée.

North Carolina Happy Hour: Alumni gathered at Natty Greene's in Raleigh, NC, on November 15.



# A 'Promising' Scholarship

When Dr. George Whitehead of Salisbury University's Psychology Department received the community's oldest civic honor – the prestigious Salisbury Award – for his work with area youth, it provided a chance to do even more good.

Whitehead used its \$500 award to begin an endowment for a new Salisbury's Promise Scholarship through the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc.

"I didn't want to spend the \$500 and use it all at once," he said. "I wanted to use it to start something, and I really wanted it to be focused on service."

Once fully funded at \$10,000, the endowment is expected to provide an annual \$500 scholarship for SU students.

In determining the specifics of the scholarship, Whitehead drew on several passions. As a former Wicomico County Board of Education member, he wanted the award to be reserved for students from the county. As the project director for SU's AmeriCorps chapter, ShoreCorps/Partnership for Adolescents on the Lower Shore (PALS), he also wanted the recipient to demonstrate a commitment to community service.

After discussing options with SU Foundation officials and learning that scholarship options for students traditionally are fewer after their freshman year, he decided to make the award available only to sophomores.

Even the name of the scholarship stemmed from one of Whitehead's interests. As the chairman of Salisbury's Promise: The Alliance for Youth, he works to provide the organization's "Five Promises" – caring adults, safe places, healthy starts, marketable skills and opportunities to serve – to youth throughout the county. Though the



scholarship is not directly related to his duties with that organization, he hopes its legacy will be similar: making a difference in the lives of young people.

Whitehead is optimistic about reaching the \$10,000 endowment funding goal with the help of others in the community. In fact, he already has plans for exceeding that goal.

"More money would give us the opportunity to help more people," he said. "If we reach \$20,000, that would mean two scholarships each year."

At least one other community member also is optimistic. According to Jason Curtin '98, assistant vice president of development and alumni relations, an anonymous donor has pledged to match contributions to the endowment up to \$5,000.

For more information about establishing a scholarship, or to make a donation to the Salisbury's Promise Scholarship, contact Curtin at jecurtin@salisbury.edu or 410-543-6176.



#### A Commitment to Service

At Salisbury University, community service is a way of life. SU students volunteer some 36,000 hours in the region annually and have earned national recognition for their work with such programs as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Internationally, they have improved the lives of the less fortunate through global service projects in Africa and Latin and South Americas.

Recognizing the passion for service among its students, SU opened its own Volunteer Center in 2010. By facilitating service opportunities, meaningful connections are formed between students who care and philanthropic organizations. The center is dedicated to promoting lifelong values of commitment to service and civic engagement, encouraging awareness of community needs, and facilitating service opportunities to address those needs.

Since the Volunteer Center's opening ...

- over **7,800** students have provided ...
- over **31,000** hours of service to ...
- **207** local community partners.

#### One Year of Service By the Numbers

- 640 The number of students who engaged in academic service-learning.
- **3,700** The number of students who engaged in non-academic forms of community service.
  - **80** The number of students who engaged in at least 20 hours of community service per semester.
- **36,700** The number of community service hours engaged in by SU students.









## CLASSNOTES

Information received prior to January 11, 2013 M = Master's Degree

#### **Pardon Our Error**

**Keisha (Tawes) Evans '99** was the winner of Elementary Teacher of the Year in Somerset (MD) County and runner-up for Teacher of the Year in Somerset County.

#### 1940s

Lois (Pittman) MacAnespie '44 was one of the 12 cadet teachers sent to Anne Arundel County in 1943.

Jane (White) Dayton '48 has been playing the piano, without pay, for the past 62 years at Bivalve, Nanticoke and Tyaskin, MD, churches, and she is now a substitute for three churches on Wicomico County's west side.

#### 1960s

**Sandra (Shockley) Bunting '66** was included in the Eastern Shore Golf Hall of Fame in December 2012.

#### 1970s

Pamela (Wetzel) Ottesen '70 retired from the Department of the Navy on July 21, 2011, after 25 and one-half years of federal government employment.

**T.J. Mumford '73** writes and illustrates children's books; each book benefits a specific charity. His most recent book, *The Thanksgiving Mouse*, can be found on Amazon.

Jane (Wells) Pruitt '74 opened Gallery 101 on Salisbury's Downtown Plaza in 2010. Since then, Dr. Pruitt has retired from the Worcester County (MD) Schools after 36 years in public education. In 2012, she was named associate director for the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Most recently, she was named finalist in the Women in School Leadership Award at the American Association of School Administrators national conference.

David Wadsworth '76 has been part of the wrestling sports community for 42 years. In 2010, he retired after 130 tournaments. On October 28, 2012, the West Virginia chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame honored Wadsworth at its 10th annual Hall of Fame Day. In his entire career, Wadsworth only lost a handful of matches. He even designed his own signature move, "The Wadsworth Whip." Today, Wadsworth is well respected and remembered by many of the "kids" he mentored and helped during his many years of wrestling.

Howard K. Snow '78, a band teacher for the 34 years and a member of the Community Band since 1970 in Salisbury, is an assistant music director to Todd Riddleberger, who directs the Salisbury Community Band.

**Donna (Daugherty) Parks '79** RN, B.S.N., CCRN retired from Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury after working a total of 33 and one-half years.

**Lee Ward '79** authored a new book, First Generation College Students: Improving the Experience from Recruitment to Commencement.

#### 1980s

Susan (Smith) Bunting '81, superintendent of the Indian River (DE) School District, was one of four finalists nominated for the National Superintendent of the Year program by the American Association of School Administrators.

Samantha (Williams) Ewart '81 is a tutor in the inpatient/outpatient, child and adolescent mental health units of South Jersey Healthcare Systems, Bridgeton Hospital. Ewart took on the role of child life counselor through the Center for Family Guidance.

Scott Folkins '81 established Caribbean Wave Premium Island Cocktails (CWAVE Beverages, LLC) in an effort to bring original Caribbean Island bartenders' cocktails to the United States. These ready-to-drink cocktails are marketed in 1.75 liter pouches, which reduce environmental packaging waste by 20 percent when compared to traditional ready-to-drink cocktail packaging. (Read more on page 5.)

**Susan (Cowan) Spiering '81** earned the title of 2012 Social Worker of the Year for Queen Anne's (MD) County.

Paula Ward '81 was promoted to supervisor of the TGM Group, LLC, Certified Public Accountants. Ward joined the firm in June 2005 as a full-time senior accountant, and she has worked in public accounting and technology manufacturing for 18 years.

Mabel Cullen '82 has seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren, stretching from the United States to Abu Dhabi. Lawanda Dockins-Mills '82 & M'96 earned her Ph.D. in 2011 from University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Jim Berkman M'84 celebrated his 400th win as the Salisbury University men's lacrosse coach. Coach Berkman has won 10 Division III National Championships with the Sea Gulls and already was the all-time winningest coach in men's collegiate lacrosse history.

**Thomas Clemens '84** works for Savas Beatie Publishing and is the author of *Maryland Campaign of September 1862, Volume II: Antietam* and *The Maryland Campaign of September 1862, Volume I: South Mountain.* 



Brigadier General Wayne Grigsby Jr. '84 (above) spoke to graduating students in SU's Reserve Officers Training Corps program on May 19. Grigsby commanded Company B, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, Freedom. The Brigadier General is director of the Army's Mission Command Center of Excellence at Fort Leavenworth, KS. Before this, he was the director of the School of Advanced Military Studies also at Fort Leavenworth.

Steve Lester '85 retired from the U.S. Army in 2007. Lester teaches at Jefferson Community College and North Country Music in Watertown, NY.

**Lori (Haleski) Bristow '86** received the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainer Association Service Award for 2012. She is the athletic director at the Gilman School in Baltimore.

Col. Joseph Gaines '86, John Hickman '96 and Katie Ford '07 (top right) experienced a chance encounter half a world away at the United States Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA). The USAKA is a U.S. Army base that is home to the Reagan Test Site. Hickman is the operations manager for NASA's Sounding Rocket Program. Hickman met up with Col. Gaines, who was the commander of the USAKA, for lunch. As it turned out, Ford, also a NASA civil servant who works for Wallops Flight Facility Range Safety Office located nearby, was also at



the lunch. All three alums shared stories and experiences.

Cheryl (Minton) Meadows '86, executive director of Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Service, has been named to *The Daily Record's* 2012 list of Maryland's Top 100 Women. Francisca (Gonzalez) Schell '86 founded a non-profit corporation in Mexico, called Justicia Cruzando Fronteras, to

aid Mexicans who have been mistreated or abused while

working in the United States.

Cynthia (Connor) Edwards '88 has published her first book, Indigena: A Novel Celebrating the Spirit of Cinco De Mayo, released in March 2012 by Balboa Press. It is a timeless story of adversity and triumph, war and peace. To learn more, visit www.indigena-cynthiadawn.com.

Pete Roskovich '88 was named Palmer Gillis Entrepreneur of the Year for his 23 years of generated success.

Pixie Windsor '89 is the proud owner of Miss Pixie's Furnishing and Whatnot, a street boutique that offers 20-40-year-old homeowners an inexpensive way to furnish their place with eccentric "stuff that isn't boring." The neon pink shop is on 1626 14th St. NW in Washington, D.C., and has been there since 2005.

#### 1990s

**Penny (Austin) Richardson '90** was named Seaford (DE) Senior High School Teacher of the Year.

Martin Cassell '90 celebrated 20 years of employment with Channel Marker, Inc. Cassell is a clinical director at the mental health support service agencies serving Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot counties in Maryland.

Pamela (Beckman) Channell '90 became the head of the Blood Bank Section at Peninsula Regional Medical Center at Salisbury in January 2012.



Christopher Hall '90 (left) is vice president of strategy and business development as well as the chief business officer at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

Willie Ibarra '90 is an independent broker/owner of W. Realty Services, LLC. in Howard County, MD. Ibarra is

licensed in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. Before his endeavor, Ibarra spent five years working with REMAX as a realtor.

Thomas E. Mahn '90 joined Chesapeake Utilities Corporation as director of finance in Dover, DE. Mahn oversees all finance, treasury, risk management and investor relations functions within the company.

Maria (Carey) Chavez-Ruark '90 & M'91 is a new partner for Saul Ewing Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice.

Leanna Elaine Bush '91 was awarded the 2011 Federal Library Technician of the Year by FLICC/Library of Congress.

Tim Miller '91 is bringing back the classic National Premium beer to the market in Maryland and Baltimore and potentially farther. The effort to revive the defunct brew is being led by the Easton realtor, who purchased the National Premium trademark at a brand name auction. (Read more on page 6.) Kerrie (Jones) Bunting '92 is a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) grant program coordinator in the Department of Natural Science at University of Maryland Eastern Shore. She also was elected to the board of directors for the Lower Shore Land Trust.

Elizabeth (Adams) Fink '92 and registered professional land surveyor Steven Whitten have partnered to form Fink, Whitten and Associates, LLC, a land surveying, land planning, environmental consulting and permitting firm.

LTC William D. Thompson III '92 was initiated into the Order of Military Merit and took command of the 7236th. LTC Thompson was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 2010.

Doretha (Sutton) Whittington '92 is the pastor of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church. Whittington also celebrated 49 years of marriage on July 21, 2012, to Winfield Whittington.

Charles Echard '93 & M'00 placed as a contender for the 2012-2013 Wicomico County (MD) Teacher of the Year award. Echard is a teacher for fourth grade students at Northwestern Elementary School.

Susan (Calloway) Trimble '93 was promoted to vice president and financial officer of the Bank of Ocean City. She joined the Bank of Ocean City in 2010 after serving more than 17 years in public accounting.

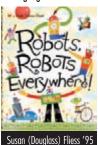
Susan (Stehle) Jones '94 & M'03 was the 2012-2013 winner for the Wicomico County (MD) Teacher of the Year award. Jones is a first grade teacher at Fruitland Primary School.

Heather (Heimes) McCubbin '94 accepted a job with Manulife Financial and their United States subsidiary, John Hancock, in Reading, MA. She is now managing director for global pricing.

Derek Murphy '94 and Thomas Kuhne '94 bought The Booth Company in 2010, which focuses on measuring management and team competencies in relation to specific skills an organization identifies as necessary. The company is based out of Boulder, CO.

Sarah (Hoffman) Weeks '94 is the first principal of the new Benbrook Middle School in Benbrook, TX. She brings nine years' experience as the principal of W.P. McLean Sixth Grade Center.

Christy (Bisker) Briggs '95 & M'01 was the Intermediate School Finalist for the Wicomico County (MD) Teacher of the Year award. Briggs is a teacher at Fruitland Intermediate School who teaches fifth grade reading as well as language arts.



Susan (Douglass) Fliess '95 (left) is now a multi-published children's book author. She has three books published, Shoes for Me!. A Dress for Me! and Tons of Trucks, and she has a book coming out in August 2013 called Robots, Robots Everywhere. Learn more at www.suefliess.com.

Deborah Salahu-Din '95 (top

right) is the project researcher at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, which is under construction at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Salahu-Din spoke at SU about the role of the museum in promoting crosscultural education and fostering understating among people of diverse cultural backgrounds. Her achievements and long career



have included working as a consultant for the Reginald F. Lewis Museum in Baltimore's Inner Harbor and as museum consultant with Wondercabinet Interpretive Design of Lexington, MA. In 1988, she became the founding director of Baltimore's National Great Blacks in Wax Museum. Salahu-Din is also a

10-year faculty member of the Morgan State University in the Department of English and Language Arts. Her articles have appeared in The Baltimore Sun, Morgan's Liberal Arts Review and other local newspapers.

Jennifer (Wills) Schicchi '95 performed at the Community Players 75th season anniversary in Salisbury. Wills was a former member of the players, with roles in shows including Oklahoma, Fiddler on the Roof and Cinderella. As a professional, she has appeared in many regional theatres. On Broadway, she has played Belle in Beauty and the Beast, Eileen in Wonderful Town and had a long run as Christine in Phantom of the Opera.

Todd Rogers '95 is principal of Northwest Independent School District's Chisholm Trail Middle School in Rhome, TX.

Casey (Wollenweber) Baynes '96, founder and executive director of the Casey Cares Foundation, opened an office in Salisbury, the second one in the area.

Christian Hesse '96 published his first novel Last Night on Mars. Learn more at www.lastnightseries.com.

Michael Grosso '96, a member of the Worcester Preparatory School faculty for 16 years in Berlin, MD, has taken over the role of head of middle school.

Gail (Hildenbran) Kulp '96 (right) received her Certified

Association Executive (CAE) credential from the American Society of Association Executives.

Thaddeus L. Moore '96, Washington College head athletic trainer, earned the Maryland Athletic Trainers' Association Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award.



Michael Sostrin '96 was

honored by the University of Arkansas Department of Food Science as the 2012 Outstanding Early Alumni. Dr. Sostrin earned an M.S. and Ph.D. in food science from the University of Arkansas and currently works for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in their Food Safety and Health Department.

Randy L. Bradford M'97 was appointed as chief executive officer of Eastern Shore Hospital Center, an inpatient psychiatric hospital operated by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and in Cambridge, MD.

Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan '97 is a social media coach and an author. She was chosen by the 2013 Credit Union Cherry Blossom as one of their two social runners out of 500 applicants. To read more, visit www.onesweetwriter.com. Matt Maciarello '97, Wicomico (MD) County State's

Attorney, recently was Wor-Wic's Community College's commencement speaker.

Michelle (Burgoon) Sommers '97 has been selected to the Eastern Surfing Association for the position of executive director. Sommers said surfing has been her passion. She graduated from SU's health and fitness program.

Heather Spicer '97 & M'05, a kindergarten teacher at Delmar Elementary School, was a contender of the Wicomico County (MD) Teacher of the Year.

Robert Fest '98 is the director of Health Care Initiatives with the Mtaala Foundation, a small, grass-roots charity, that partners with Ugandans to support educational communities for Ugandan children affected by Kony's War, AIDS and abject poverty. Through Fest's efforts, they have begun the construction of a pediatric and maternal health clinic to serve those in need. The foundation is run by volunteers, and over 95 percent of the donations go directly to Uganda. They aim to raise awareness and funds that will help to build schools and clinics to support the education and health of the most vulnerable of Ugandan children. For more information regarding the Mtaala Foundation, visit www.facebook.com/MtaalaFoundation or www.mtaala.org. Mathew Palmer '98 is the senior vice president of government affairs for the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. Melissa (Matthews) Pitchford '98, chief financial officer at Katzen Eye Group, is president and chair of the Maryland Medical Group Management Association's Board of Directors. Pitchford also held the position of secretary/treasurer. In the past, she served as treasurer from 2007-2010 and medical practice director. Pitchford resides in New Freedom, PA. Anthony Pelura '98 started a CPA/financial consulting company, Nelson & Associates, CPA in Severna Park, MD. Heather (Schimkaitis) Snyder '98 was promoted to partner with Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP. She focuses on publicly traded financial institutions within the firm's assurance practice.

Tana Ellis '99 is the new assistant principal of East Salisbury Elementary School in Maryland.

#### 2000s

Kristen Larson '00 has served as the adult representative to the Easter Seal Society of Delmarva while studying to become a minister. Larson earned her Master of Divinity and became an ordained minister with the Church of God in 2008. Her certification was earned with the Association of Professional Chaplains in 2010. She currently serves as a staff chaplain at the St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Elizabeth H. Parker '00 was a finalist for the Teacher of the Year for Charles County (MD) School District.

Kelly (Hughes) Roberts '00 is author of the book The Road to Chianti, published by Balboa Press. Learn more at www.kellyhughesroberts.com.

Kimberly (Hayward) Ruark '00 & M'02 was promoted to manager of the TGM Group, LLC, Certified Public Accountants. Ruark joined the firm in 2009 with eight years of public accounting experience.

Gregory Tawes '00 was promoted to BB&T area executive for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Erica Disharoon '01 was named legislative representative for the Greater Baltimore Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology Chapter.

Jon Wienecke '01 is an advisor with Planning Solutions Group, an independent wealth management firm in Maple Lawn, MD. Wienecke has been working in the financial planning industry since 2001.

Stephen Scott Willing '01 started a new church and is in the first phase of building the education and worship center. Jeremy Gsell '02 and Scott Stansbury '03 are athletic trainers. Gsell is an athletic trainer at Alabama University and Stansbury is at Notre Dame. Both participated in the Bowl

Championship Series in January 2013 as proud SU alumni. Richard Yoskey '02 is vice president/commercial relations manager in the Lutherville corporate office of Bay Bank.

Cindi (Major) Pietroski '03 was awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award — the third highest honor through her work as a command engineer with the Surface Combat Systems Center at Wallops Island, VA.

Michelle (Weiler) McGeogh '04, an associate in Ballard Spahr's Litigation Department in Baltimore, MD, joined the Board of Young Adult Advisors for the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults.

**Heather (Staines) Taylor '04** has achieved National Board Certification for Teachers.

Kristen Briggs M'05 was a contender for the Wicomico County (MD) Teachers of the Year award. Briggs is a third grade reading teacher at North Salisbury Elementary School.

Kaitlin (Aydelotte) Finch '05 left her job in New York with Good Morning America at ABC News and is now working as a post-production coordinator for ABC Studios on the Walt Disney Studios lot in Burbank, CA.

Kristin Hunt '05 graduated from the University of North Texas with a Master of Science in library science in August 2011.

Tim McFadden '06 is a part-time Towson University professor of art and design. McFadden, a glassblowing professional, teaches a workshop at his home every day and a class once a week at Towson. Student Hannah Pertalion shared the following about McFadden: "Tim is a wonderful teacher. He's very understanding and he's really, really good at working with people who have never touched glass ... It really is a fantastic class."

**David A. Plotts '06** is controller for The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

Christopher Sams '06, a 27-year-old exercise science graduate, ran across the country to promote fitness. Leaving from the Under Armour headquarters in Baltimore on August 20, Sams ran down the East Coast and then west to Texas. He finished his journey in San Diego, CA, on January 13, a week ahead of schedule. He averaged an 8- to 10-minute pace per mile, which equaled a distance of about 25-30 miles a day. Read about his incredible journey on page 10 and at http://samsacrossamerica.com.

Lt. Christopher L. Curry '07 of the Marine Corps, was designated a Naval Aviator while serving with Training Squadron 22, Naval Air Station, in Kingsville, TX. Curry was presented with the coveted "Wings of Gold," marking the culmination of months of flight training.

Anisa (Gharbi) Diab '08 was among 35 graduate students of the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania who were honored for their academic achievements at the College of Graduate and Continuing Education commencement ceremonies. Gharbi earned the Outstanding Academic Award in Community Counseling. She joined SU's Student Counseling Center as a program coordinator for the new STAND4YOU suicide prevention program.

Daniel Zimmer '08 graduated with a Juris Doctor from Rutgers University School of Law in Camden, NJ. He also received the Dean's Pro Bono Publico Award for over 100 hours of pro bono service and leadership awards from the Criminal Justice Association and the Family Law Society.

Anthony Bevilacqua IV '09, a history teacher, was named 2012 Worcester County (MD) Technical High School Teacher of the Year.

Patrick Bonanno '09 was promoted to regional sales manager for AllianceBernstein, a global asset manager based in New York. Bonanno relocated to Scottsdale, AZ, where he is responsible for sales throughout the entire state.

Lauren Kane '09 joined MGH as an interactive project manager. MGH is an integrated marketing communications agency in Baltimore, MD.



Matthew Wozniak '09, Tyler Stott '08 and Ryan Friedman '09 (above) have opened Angels of Care in Annapolis, MD, to assist senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. Their company specializes in Alzheimer's/dementia care. Learn more at www.myangelsofcare.com.

Elizabeth "Betsy" (Rodier) Hornung M'10 joined Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin, MD, as the assistant director of development. She, along with the director, oversee the Annual Fund for Excellence; fundraising events, such as the gala and Christmas bazaar; and all aspects of school development.

**Carolyn Mundy '10** joined MGH as an interactive project manager in Baltimore, MD.



Cristina Franciosa '11 (left) works for Pershing, LLC as a customer processing associate. She moved from New York to Florida to find many opportunities in the Orlando area.

Mike Holter '11 is the general manager of the newly opened

Anytime Fitness in the Delmar, MD. This fitness center is the only gym on the Eastern Shore that has computer systems on its cardio equipment.

Blake C. Lovelace '11 attended the White House Rose Garden Ceremony where President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama officially welcomed British Prime Minister David Cameron and Mrs. Cameron.

Selena Menard '11 (right) is studying to be a pathology assistant at the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

Jessica (Dashiell) Weber '11 joined MCE as a training coordinator. Weber has been active in the Salisbury community as a team leader



Harrison Jackson '12 is coastal stewards crew leader for Maryland Coastal Bays Project. Harrison coordinates and supervises coastal stewards training, and projects and programs with Assateague State Park and Assateague Island National Seashore.

Amelia Willoughby '12 joined a yearlong volunteer service with Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) Northwest as part of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project in Seattle, WA.

#### **Marriages**

Tyrone E. Mills '78, M '89 & Lawanda Dockins '82 & M'96

Betty J. Jackson '94 & Lloyd O. Whitehead Sr.

Michael McMullen '98 & Deanna Fahrman '03, M'09 Kim Carney '99 & Brad Gillis (below)

Danielle Damush '99 & Joe Haymes '01

Mark Breier '01 & Paula Miller (below)

Erik Weeg '01 & Stephanie Rhine '07 (below)

Susan Pasler '03 & Michael McKnabb

Brooke Rowe '04 & Keith Gensch (below)

Jessica A. White '04 & Jon Rvan Crandell

Carrie Morrissett '05 & David Maines (next page)

Krispen Parke '05 & Brad Laird

Shelby Thomas '06 & William Allen (next page)

Garrett A. Thrift '06 & Kathryn Simmons '07 Amy Bunch '07 & Frederick Jones

Tyler Yerkes '07 & Stephanie Wampole '09

(next page) Frank Farrell '08 & Jen Graziani '08 (next page)

Jessica Day '08 & Daniel Martin

Trenton Garman '08 & Meredith Ray '09 (next page)



Carney '99 - Gillis Wedding: Pictured are (back, from left) Ashley Edwards '98, Erin Shoemaker (Holloway) '98, Susan Verdi (Sacchetti) '98, Becky Bachtel (Tregoning) '98, (front, from left) Gaylen DiSanto (Garnand) '98, Kim Gillis (Carney) '99, Malini Kane (Rangarao) '01, Heather Snyder (Schimkaitis) '98 and Laura Getty '98.





Breier '01 - Miller Wedding: Pictured are (from left) Bryan Shanahan '02, Sarah Shanahan (Kempler) '02, Meghan Haslip '02, Butch Jarrett '02, Joe High '00, Jen High (Ice) '00, Mike Wells '02, Mark Breier '01, Paula Miller, Chris Turner '00, Arabeth Turner, Glen Doss '99, Nicole Doss (Schimpf) '00, Ryan Clark '01, Paul Trentadue '00, Shannon Trentadue, Blaine Robert Bates '00, Jordan Austin '00, Lauren Austin (Jones) '01, Hirbod Azmi '00, Jen Hauver '99 and Kevin Fox '00.





Rowe '04 - Gensch Wedding



Morrissett '05 - Maines Wedding



Yerkes '07 - Wampole '09 Wedding





Healy '08 - Lenhart Wedding



O'Connor '08 - Dever '09 Wedding

Leek '09 - Skrincosky Wedding



Kristen Healy '08 & Brian Lenhart (above) Krista Hintze '08 & **Brett Smith** Patrick O'Connor '08 & Andrea Dever '09 (above) Danielle Smith '08 &

Curtis Pedri '09

**Matthew Trommatter** '08 & Julie Baynard '10 (above) Candice Whitlow '08 & Aubrey Farrare (above right) Amanda Leek '09 & Eric Skrincosky (above) William Sykora '09 & Kellyan Courter '09 Sean Whalen '09 & Elena Lisa Bass '04 (above right) Travis Boccher '10 & Stacey Meyer (above right) Michael Fingland '10 & Andrea McDonald '12 (above right)



Whitlow '08 - Farrare Wedding: Pictured (from left) are Marcia Maxwell '08, Tiara Gary '08, Candice Farrare '08, Joy Abraham, Myeisha Brooks, Latrice Penny, Seth Bodani '09 and Kelly Lambert '08.







Heather Hancock '10 & Joshua Finamore '10 Megan Markline '11 & Thomas Newman John Stockel '11 & Emilie Godard '09 Courtney Webster '12 & William Dryden

#### **Births**

Carolyn (Woods) Cousler '92 & Robert Cousler -Son: Jude Charles Cousler (right)

Simon Drew '94 & Jenny Drew — Son: Rowan Henry Tomas Jamie McIlvain '96 & Kelley (Carmean) McIlvain '98 -Son: James Michael

Patrick Sullivan '96 & Holly Sullivan — Son: Declan Patrick Brendan Bellotte '97 & Kate Bellotte -

Son: Cooper James (right)

Eric Prendeville '99 & Lauren Prendeville -Daughter: Madison Oliva (right)

Brandon Swope '99 & Jennifer (Sobin) Swope '99 -Daughter: Olivia

Lisa Chase '00 & Will Preneta — Son Logan (right)

Ryan O'Connor '00 & Lori (Morsberger) O'Connor '00 — Son: Caden Grady (right)

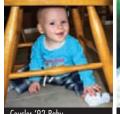
Brian Deen '01 & Kelly (Eberling) Deen '01 -Son: Grayson Patrick (right)

Joe Haymes '01 & Danielle (Damush) Haymes '99 -Daughter: Adelyn

Carrie (Wright) Holt '01 & Rick Holt -Son: James Hartford (right)

Christine (Mezynski) O'Horo '01 & Justin O'Horo -Son: Liam Chase

Barry Bevard '02 & Kristen (Cox) Bevard '02 -Son: Colton James (right)



Cousler '92 Baby



Chase '00 Baby

O'Connor '00 Baby











Scott Ellis'02 & Kelley Ellis — Son: Landri Raine (above) Matt Wallace '02 & Meagen Wallace -Son: Landon (above)

Patrick Grizzle '03 & Jennifer Grizzle -

Son: Fletcher Dewey

Devon (Nicholes) Perotti '03 & Matt Perotti -Daughter: Juliana Rose (next page)

Jamie (Emmell) Sobolewski '03 & Jason Sobolewski -Son: Jordan Thomas (next page)

Matthew Rosati '04 & Samantha (Young) Rosati '04 & M'06 — Daughter: Julia Carmella (next page)

Patrick Walsh '04 & Nicole Walsh — Son: Jackson (next page)

Lynsey (Bateman) Fohner '05 & Matthew Fohner '05 Son: Abram Brian

Robin Harmon '05 & Mark Harmon - Son: Gavin Orion





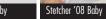








Moran '06 - Davis Baby





Lora (Moran) Davis '06 & Vernon Davis III -Son: Joseph "Joey" Edwin (above)

Christopher Sgritta '06 & Ashley Sgritta — Daughter: Gabriella Marie Garrett A. Thrift '06 & Kathryn (Simmons)

Thrift '07 — Daughter: Kemper Joy Amy (Bunch) Jones '07 & Frederick Jones -Son: Connor Warren

Robert Mowery '07 & Barb Mowery -Daughter: Maureen Elizabeth

Amy (Harrison) Castro '08 & Marc Castro -Son: Daniel Richard

Ryan Stecher '08 & Jennifer (Langley) Stecher '08 -Son: Tyler Knox (above)

Seth Bodani '09 & Kelly (Lambert) Bodani '08 -

Daughter: Riley Jane

Amanda (Leek) Skrincosky '09 & Eric Skrincosky -Daughter: Paige (above)

#### **Deaths**

**Dorothy D. Lewis '29** — June 7, 2012 Rebecca Adams Jerstad '36 - June 24, 2012 Katherine Wilkinson Elliott PGH'36 — May 18, 2012 Lucille Calena Parks Sterling '41 - April 12, 2012 E. Augusta Heath '42 — January 28, 2013 **Doris M. Reynolds '42** – July 7, 2012 Josephine Helen Taylor '42 — September 26, 2012 Charles H. Wieland III '42 — December 20, 2012

Betty C. Foster Price '43 - January 26, 2012 Margaret A. Jones Bloodsworth '44 - May 3, 2012 Leta Trice Brown '44 — December 11, 2012 Charlotte Gordy Seidel '44 - August 16, 2012 **Ruth Bishop '45** — December 29, 2012 Mary (Ring) Tilghman '46 — February 1, 2013 **Charlotte W. Matsen '46** — May 2, 2012 Jetta Parks Brown '49 — June 16, 2012 Joyce Richards Pollitt '50 — March 3, 2012 Louis Stanley Seidel '50 — November 25, 2012 Betty Ann White '51 - October 24, 2012 Raymond Thomas Stoops '53 — April 25, 2012 Barbara Lee Jones Navratil '54 — November 14, 2012 Lois Hall Webster '55 - April 12, 2012 David Franklin Wheaton Sr. '56 — June 8, 2012 Grace Williams Carlson '57 - July 31, 2012 **Glenwood Evans '57** – April 12, 2012 **Charles L. Muir '58** — November 21, 2012 Joan (Hayman) Trice '58 — January 25, 2013 Carole K. Bozman '59 — August 25, 2012 **Lindley O. Roberts '61** — June 10, 2012 Dianne Lynch Thompson '63 — January 23, 2013 Julia Butler Ames '65 — September 29, 2012 Barbara Collins Beauchamp '65 — August 27, 2012 Lawrence Lorenzo Wilkins '65 - October 13, 2012 Anne Lee Ogburn Blank '67 — December 15, 2012 Janet M. Buskirk '67 — April 30, 2012 Wayne Powell '68 - January 4, 2013 Jerry Lee Conner '70 — March 6, 2012 Marchan R. Ball '72 - March 18, 2012 **Paula Ruark Gibb '72** — May 3, 2012 Jean M. Hayes Litow '73 - July 10, 2012 John L. Gasque Jr. '74 — December 19, 2012 Ralph B. McIntyre Sr. '75 — May 28, 2012 Gilbert Fooks Perdue '75 — June 26, 2012 **Donnie Williams '75** - May 17, 2012 W. Jerome Sterling III '76 - November 1, 2012 **Diana S. Colligan '79** — October 14, 2012 **Eloise H. Taylor '79** — January 29, 2012 Elizabeth S. Beauchamp '81 — April 2, 2012 Thalia Whealton Fisher '81 — May 29, 2008 Delores Green '81 - December 31, 2012 Robin Lee Wantz '82 - February 18, 2012 Karen R. Payne '83 — May 14, 2012 Brenda Abel '85 - March 16, 2012 Kurt Von Otto '86 - November 14, 2011 Brenda Lawrence '88 — November 10, 2012 Sabra Henrietta M. Marshall '88 — December 31, 2011 Teresa Dawn Melson '88 — March 10, 2012 Peter Wanner '88 - January 8, 2012 Richard Lee Winchester '88 - July 6, 2012 Susan Elizabeth Karhu '89 — March 31, 2011 Laura (Mahan) Mulford '89 — February 11, 2013 Thomas M. Rabbit '93 — October 14, 2011 Joseph Alexander Ulrich Jr. '93 — August 10, 2012 Gregory Barow '97 — February 4, 2012 Thomas Wavne Arceneguz Sr. '99 — August 21, 2012 Amanda E. Hriczko '04 - October 31, 2011

Kyle M. Knott '04 - December 10, 2011 Shelia L. Ballard '08 — November 24, 2012 Brian Alexander Tayman '10 — January 20, 2012 Robert Scott Wilson '12 - June 1, 2012

#### **Faculty & Staff Deaths**

Melvin Ang — passed away on March 6, 2012, at the age of 68 in Marin County, CA. Dr. Ang was a former history professor.



Robert Berry - died on December 24, 2012. Dr. Berry received his Ph.D. in history from Indiana University and then moved to Salisbury. joining the Salisbury University History Department in 1974. His research and teaching focused on Slavic and Middle Eastern history and on World

War I. He was active with the Wicomico County Arts Council and, in recent years, the Salisbury Film Society.

**Lois Ann Hart** — died on February 14, 2012, at the age of 65. She worked for 38 years as a librarian in Worcester County and then at Salisbury University, retiring in 2004.

**Doris Hedrick** — passed away at the age of 89, on March 19, 2012. She was retired after 30 years as an administrative assistant at Salisbury University and the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc.

Doran Christensen - died on February 23, 2013. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland College Park. In 1989, he moved to Salisbury where he took the position of dean of education and professional studies at SU until his retirement in 1997.



Will Johnston — died on March 1, 2012. He attended Illinois Institute of Technology, Rhodes College and the University of Memphis. He earned his Ph.D. in economics at the University of Mississippi. He was a professor of economics and finance at Old Dominion University, the University of Baltimore and Salisbury University.

Ann (Showell) Mariner — died on January 27, 2013. Mariner spent her professional career working in the family business, Castle in the Sand Hotel in Ocean City, MD. She became a co-owner of the business that was expanded to include the Green Turtle Club in the Bahamas. She was a member the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors.



**Polly Stewart** — died on February 3, 2013. A specialist in medieval studies and folklore, she tauaht at Salisbury University for 30 years with a particular interest in oral history, urban legends and comparative myth. Stewart worked with undergraduates to form the

first LGBT student group on campus.

Mary Carol Watson — passed away at the age of 49 on January 25, 2012. She was employed as a dietitian at Salisbury University.













Homecoming 2012 events were filled with Sea Gulls returning "home" to reconnect with former classmates and friends. The week's activities started off with a breakfast held in the Alumni House hosted by the Alumni Association for graduates who currently work at SU. The annual pre-game barbecue was a huge success again this year, and alumni enjoyed great food, music by the band Beauty to Ashes and even opportunities for young Gulls to enjoy face painting, a game of corn hole or a jump in the bouncy house. During the week's activities, three alumni were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, the members of the Class of 1962 were recognized for their 50th reunion during a luncheon, the 30th anniversary of the Algonquin canoe trip was celebrated as well as many other events. If you haven't returned to campus recently, we encourage you to come back for a visit. Homecoming this year is October 11-13 with classes ending in "3"s and "8"s celebrating their special reunions. If you would like to assist in planning an event recognizing your class, please contact the Alumni Office.

















## MEET SU'S NEWEST VICE PRESIDENT

## T. Greg Prince

Dear Alumni and Friends of Salisbury University,

It is a true pleasure and honor to serve Salisbury University as your new vice president for advancement and external affairs. Upon arrival to campus on December 3, 2012, several occasions to meet our outstanding alumni, community members and volunteers transpired as the semester came to a close and holiday events ensued. These important celebrations also allowed for the chance to interact with our enthusiastic president; the dedicated members of her executive team; our deans, faculty and staff; and a few of our student leaders as well. What an exciting time of year to join our dynamic team!

Immediately, the task at hand is to become familiar with as many aspects of SU as possible and determine where the University Advancement and External Affairs Division and our Salisbury University Foundation can maximize its role to serve in a value-added capacity. This vibrant campus and caring community garner the attention of our division fully as we strive to increase the necessary resources for Salisbury University to accomplish its goals. From our annual events that support both the University and the community, to our revised focus of building one-on-one relationships with alumni and friends – our division and Foundation remain steadfast in assisting Salisbury University as it works toward accomplishing its mission.

The history of academic strength and excellence combined with the cultural opportunities we provide for the people of the Eastern Shore are at the root of our identity. National-level success on the athletic field also contributes greatly to our distinctiveness and provides opportunities for the next generation of potential SU students to "meet" the University. Our nationally recognized academic and athletic programs combined with the strength of our offerings to the community make SU a special place indeed – for all of our citizenry and stakeholders.

Salisbury University – A Maryland University of National Distinction – will continue to become stronger thanks to alumni, friends, volunteers and donors like you. Thank you for making this a special place and please know that both humility and humbleness will govern my service to this exceptional institution.

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T. Greg Prince
Vice President of Advancement and External Affairs













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