

Mission: Student-Centered Learning

At SU, our students are the primary reason for our existence, and programs are designed to assist them with their academic and individual successes. Whether it is our top-rated advising program that keeps students on course, the cutting edge facilities, or the support provided by the University and local community to help students excel, all facets of the SU experience center around our students' well-being.

Students Stay At SU

For the 16th consecutive year, Salisbury University has the highest four-year graduation rate in the University System of Maryland. SU also boasts the System's highest five-year graduation rate for the 11th consecutive year and the highest six-year graduation rate for the eighth straight year. SU's six-year graduation rate, at 70.8 percent, is 15.5 percentage points higher than the 2001 national average of 55.3 percent. The six-year measurement is a nationally recognized standard of measuring graduation completion rate at the baccalaureate level.

State-of-the-Art Facility

In September 2002, before a festive audience of friends of the University and members of the campus community, President Janet Dudley-Eshbach cut the ribbon on SU's new \$37 million Henson Science Hall. At 145,500 square feet, the new science building is the largest academic facility on campus and one of the largest science buildings in the state. The three-story brick structure houses five of the seven departments of the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology. The new facility holds 12 classrooms of various sizes including two tiered auditoriums, 32 teaching laboratories and 20 research laboratories. The research labs allow for highly-motivated students to work with faculty on self-directed projects.



▲ Research Through The Disciplines

Some 150 students showed what they were made of academically at the third annual SU Student Research Conference. Their research took many forms—scientific investigation, exploration of a problem in a humanities or professional field, or creative performance or portfolio—and

provided an unparalleled capstone experience for the students. Senior communication arts major Shara Hamlin (above) explored how production techniques within a TV show, such as *24*, manipulate the audience and establish a sense of reality.



Making Business Dreams A Reality

Following her winning presentation in the competition for the Bernstein Achievement Award for Excellence, Janet Lynne Wilson joins a long list of SU students who enjoyed a kick-start for their business ideas. Wilson's company, StripTech, will custom paint logos and stripes onto automobiles.



Degree Programs Expand

Responding to the needs of our students, SU added seven new programs this year, including separating the traditional business administration major into three specialized majors and adding a new graduate program.

- Exercise Science
- Finance
- Health Education
- Management
- Marketing
- International Studies
- M.S. Mathematics Education

Something To Think About

SU students explored everything from pop culture to biochemical engineering at this year's Student Research Conference. Here's just a sample of the topics discussed:

- "The Apoptotic Qualities of DHA on Murine Tumor Cells" – Meagan Orth
- "Effects of Exercise to Understanding Ways of Decreasing Diabetes in Aboriginal Australians" – Pete Tam
- "Income Tax Progressivity and Economic Health: Does Income Tax Structure Affect a State's Economic Well-Being?" – Zach Richards
- "Remembering Year Zero: The Khmer Search for Justice" – Ronald Cirillo



Guiding Our Students

Aiding in SU's high retention rate is our advising program, which ranks among the best in Maryland, according to a recent report from the Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Advisory Council. SU assigns each freshman or transfer an advisor/mentor who remains with the student until graduation, allowing an understanding of each student's needs to be developed.



Perdue School of Business Dean William Moore (center) celebrates with finance student Robyn Ahtel and Dr. Tylor Claggett that the financial planning track became registered in 2003 with the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. (CFP Board).