

Mission: Concerned Participants

Students' connection to Salisbury extends beyond its campus. Through internship and volunteer opportunities, students actively participate in the community. By collaborating with local schools and providing much-needed services, SU students make a difference on the Eastern Shore and beyond.

Participating In Community

SU supports several organizations that serve the needs of the region. Among those programs are:

- Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON)
- Center for Family and Community
- Center for Professional Development
- Small Business Development Center
- Eastern Shore Regional Safe Communities Center
- Habitat on Maryland's Lower Shore
- Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE)
- Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center
- Mapping Science Group
- May Literacy Lab
- Shore CAN Volunteer Center
- ShoreCorps/PALS, an AmeriCorps program
- Training for All Teachers (TAT) Program

Study Abroad Opportunities

In the past year, more than 100 students have broadened their horizons and studied abroad in England, Scotland, Ecuador, Australia, Honduras, New Zealand, France, Italy, Spain, Costa Rica, Germany and Ireland. One of the University's long-standing study abroad programs allows SU education students to observe New Zealand's public education system. The country's high literacy rate makes it an ideal location for our students to gain first-hand classroom experience with highly successful teaching techniques, especially in the areas of reading and language arts.



▲ Promoting Peace

Utilizing the resources of the Center for Conflict Resolution, students learn from a staff of professionals how to mediate conflicts and prepare to assume a variety of conflict resolution roles within a vast number of organizations. The Center often welcomes international experts such as Hague

Appeal for Peace Executive Director Michael W. Hovey (left), above with Center director Dr. Brian Polkinghorne. Hovey, a leader in the movement to promote peace and justice, discussed the role of peace advocates.



A Network Of Teaching Professionals

The Regional Professional Development School is a network established by SU and Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester county public schools to provide the optimum teaching internship experience for SU students while providing professional development for public school faculty. Since its inception in 1997, the efforts of school and University faculty, combined with the energy that beginning teachers bring to their work, have had a positive impact on the K-12 public school students in the region.



Legislative Role Model

At the fall "SU Day in Annapolis," Maryland State Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings was honored by SU and its Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE) with the second John Hargreaves Distinguished Legislator Award, which recognizes outstanding state legislators. Leading the charge for reasonably priced housing, available healthcare and a better chance for minorities in higher education are Del. Rawlings' strong suits. The Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Program is a unique program in Maryland which provides an opportunity for a renowned member of the Maryland General Assembly to engage Salisbury University students in civic education.

Voicing A Concern

As the state faced a budget crisis, University students mobilized to make sure their educational concerns were heard. Organizing a phonathon, students and their families urged state legislators to vote "No More Cuts" to higher education. The University also hosted "SU Day in Annapolis"—a reception to show appreciation for the continued support of regional representatives.



Riding To Make A Difference

Starting and ending at SU, the annual Sea Gull Century, a 100-mile bicycle ride, got its start 14 years ago and has grown steadily to some 7,000 riders, who provide an estimated \$2.5 million economic boost to the region. Proceeds from the Sea Gull Century support many student organizations

and programs on campus, as well as local community groups. Donations to the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity are approaching \$100,000 as a result of contributions made through the Century, and hundreds of area school children wear bicycle helmets donated by ride organizers.