

A Maryland University of National Distinction



“Salisbury University has achieved a high level of distinction. Yet, I believe, we are still defined by our aspirations, our dreams of what we can become. ... We must continue to explore new opportunities to be unique, and we must continue to explore ways to excel.”

Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Ph.D.
President

University Points of Distinction Include:

- For the **11th consecutive year** SU is one of the Top Public Universities—Master’s category (North) in *U.S. News & World Report’s America’s Best Colleges* guide.
- Ranked at No. 7, SU maintains its status as the **highest-placing** public Master’s-level university in Maryland by *U.S. News & World Report*.
- *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* magazine named SU one of its 2007 **100 Best Values in Public Colleges**.

A Message from the President



When I look back on the last year in the life of Salisbury University, I can sum it up in one word: impressive! So much has been happening on campus, from the growth in students of excellence attracted to Salisbury’s academic programs, to the rising Teacher Education and Technology Center building which is changing the face of campus, to the many national and international authors, lecturers, entertainers and dignitaries visiting SU, to the rankings that continue to laud SU’s programs and campus. Clearly, Salisbury University has become *A Maryland University of National Distinction*.

Again this year, Salisbury was ranked among the top schools in the nation’s leading college guidebooks. These honors do not come easily. They are earned through an excellent academic program led by SU’s exceptional faculty and by a campus filled with creative, supportive staff. While so many of our faculty are laudable, I was especially proud this year when a number of faculty members were honored by state and national organizations. Faculty honors included two Fulbright Scholar awards to Asia; the Regents Award for Excellence in teaching to two SU professors; the 2007 Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics for the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., region; the 2007 Division III Southeast Region Athletic Director of the Year award; the University System of Maryland Elkins endowed professorship; and many others. Two members of SU’s staff also were recognized with the University System of Maryland Board of

Regents Staff Award for 2007. And for every one who was singled out for these special recognitions,

SU is home to many more excellent faculty and staff who do first-rate work every day in support of the students who study on our campus.



We also were excited to bestow a few honors of our own. SU presented an honorary doctorate to former U.S. Senator Paul S. Sarbanes during our 81st Winter Commencement and the 2007 Hargreaves Distinguished Fellow award to Maryland Senator Brian E. Frosh during February’s SU Day in Annapolis. We also presented a number of campus awards to our own staff, including 2007 SU Diversity Awards to five staff members in June. And SU launched an Employee of the Month program this year, which honors members of the staff nominated by their peers and supervisors every month.





Throughout the year, Salisbury University students, faculty and staff demonstrated concern for the University community and those well beyond our campus. The SGA's third annual Big Event brought students to the aid of more than 40 University neighbors. The Relay For Life, recognized as one of the top Relays in the nation for the past four years, raised \$138,000 for the American Cancer Society, the second largest amount in the nation for mid-sized colleges. Alternative spring break service projects took students to Staten Island, NY, where they served meals, cleaned houses and completed other tasks for people with HIV/AIDS through Project Hospitality, and to the Gulf Coast of Texas to help Habitat for Humanity rebuild homes and lives. The SU community came together in a variety of ways to offer support to Virginia Tech in the wake of the tragedy on that campus. And throughout the year, countless other drives by students, faculty and staff raised dollars, food, supplies and awareness for those less fortunate in



Salisbury and beyond. The Salisbury University campus is a caring and giving community! Salisbury was host to many distinguished guests throughout the year. These included such speakers as Nobel Laureate and former President of South Africa F.W. de Klerk, who received his first honorary doctorate from a U.S. institution at Salisbury; a group of 11 monks from Tibet's famed Drepung Loseling Monastery presenting a five-day series of lectures and demonstrations; and a lecture by U.S. Senator Ben Cardin. Salisbury University continues to build upon its reputation as a center for civic discourse and a cultural hub for the Lower Eastern Shore.



I feel so fortunate to serve this outstanding University and was honored to receive acclaim on its behalf. I was privileged to be named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by the *Daily Record* in 2007 for the second time in three years. An article featuring me in the "Corporate Spotlight" column of *American Executive* magazine brought national attention to the fact that Salisbury University is very much an institution on the move.

Generating more than \$420 million for the Lower Eastern Shore economy each year and over 3,000 jobs, SU is increasingly attracting better students, diverse faculty, distinguished visitors, and continued State and private investment in our campus every year. I hope that as you peruse the pages of this Annual Report, you will see yourself in it—either the fruits of your hard work, the site for your future education or the seed of an idea to which you can contribute in SU's future. Either way, we thank you for your interest in and support of Salisbury University, *A Maryland University of National Distinction.*

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