

Campus Initiatives of Distinction



“Salisbury University actively considers environmental concerns in all of our operations. From our 25-year-old recycling program to our careful planning of new campus facilities, SU’s commitment to sustainability is a major part of our overall master plan.”

Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Ph.D.
President

Campus Points of Distinction Include:

- SU’s campus has **national arboretum** status from the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta.
- Dining Services is **ranked first** among 268 colleges in the U.S. for its variety of food plan options and fourth for its overall operations.
- SU’s estimated annual **economic impact** is some \$420 million, generating the equivalent of over 3,000 jobs every year.

Cutting-Edge Admissions Reform

Salisbury University is the first in the University System of Maryland with an SAT/ACT optional admissions policy. SU’s five-year pilot study will help recruit motivated students who have made a commitment to academic excellence.

This policy aligns closely with SU’s mission, which values a diverse student body with unique talents and abilities. Under the proposal, prospective students with a high school grade point average of 3.5 or higher will have the option to submit SAT and ACT scores when applying to SU.

Prior to the study, SU’s admissions process had evolved in recent years into a more holistic approach. Admissions routinely are based on students’ academic achievement, talents, skills and community service. This new policy will attract an even more diverse pool of highly motivated, civic-minded students with distinct talents in academics, the arts, leadership and other fields of achievement. Students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher who choose not to submit scores are encouraged to provide additional information to demonstrate their strengths.



A Community Leader for Youth

For the second year in a row Salisbury University has helped make the Salisbury/Wicomico County area one of the 100 best communities for young people, according to America’s Promise—the Alliance for Youth.

The national youth organization based the designation on the area’s programs, agencies and individuals committed to bettering children’s lives. Along with the University itself, many of its affiliated organizations including the Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center, Salisbury’s Promise and ShoreCorps/PALS (Partnership for Adolescents on the Lower Shore) were noted in the application for the 2007 honor.

Also highlighted was the launch of the Youth Leadership Academy, held at SU in a joint effort between Salisbury’s Promise, the Wicomico County Local Management Board and Kids of Honor. The academy engages children in the community with policymakers and service providers.

The Local Management Board collaborated with Salisbury’s Promise to highlight the community’s efforts to fulfill the five basic America’s Promise pledges: caring adults actively

involved in children’s lives, safe places for children to learn and grow, a healthy start toward adulthood, effective education that builds marketable skills and opportunities to help others in the community.



Environmental Friendliness Is SU's Plan

From energy conservation to green buildings to protecting the waterways, Salisbury University is a leader in environmental concerns.

State Lauds Energy Plan

Through a partnership with Pepco Energy Services (PES), Inc. and the Maryland Department of General Services, SU is implementing several campus-wide environmentally friendly measures aimed at energy conservation. The initiative is guaranteed by PES to save at least \$5.3 million in energy costs over the next 15 years, an amount sufficient to pay for the project.

Among the 17 energy-saving projects are the replacement of aging mechanical equipment or the installation of more efficient equipment in 14 buildings, the installation of tens of thousands more energy-efficient bulbs and lighting fixtures and the installation of energy "misers" on vending machines. The project also involves upgrading approximately 1,700 plumbing fixtures to conserve 11,000 gallons of water annually and reducing excessive air and solar infiltration to building interiors in 38 locations. Maintenance and 15-year guarantees are

included on all equipment installed.

From an environmental and sustainability perspective, the project will save water equal to the amount consumed annually by 473 family homes, electricity sufficient to power 1,600 homes, and it will reduce emissions equal to removing 1,571 cars from the road or planting 2,145 acres of trees.

Building For The Future

From bamboo to bike racks, SU's Teacher Education and Technology Center, currently under construction, proves careful planning is the key to environmental friendliness. Some floors will be covered with renewable and recyclable bamboo instead of petroleum-based products. Up to 40 percent of the building's structural steel frame is made from recycled materials, and an ultra-efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning system will use no CFCs.

A strong supporter of recycling for over a decade, SU mandates that contractors recycle all carpeting removed from campus buildings. In 2006 alone, SU recycled more than 500 tons of items ranging from paper and glass to electric motors and oil. Since 2003, SU has recycled

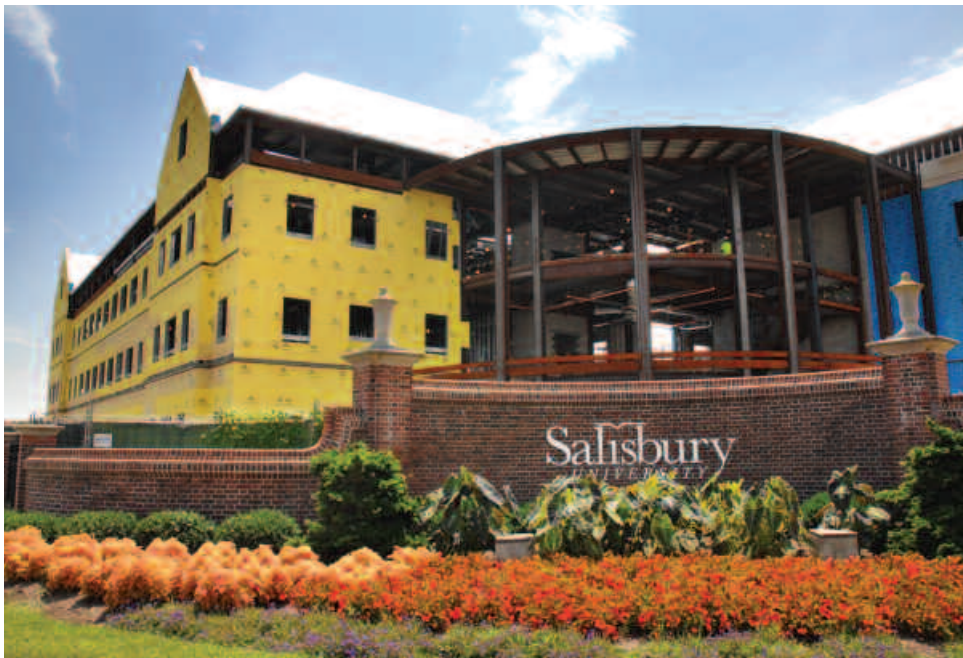


70 tons of its old computers and audio-visual equipment. Some 17.78 tons of electronics were recycled in 2006, their parts processed for recycling or reuse in a secondary market.

A Guardian For The Bay

Dr. Michael Scott and SU's Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative are locating some 420,000 septic systems across the state. Their data will be used to identify failing septic systems in areas that critically impact the Chesapeake Bay.

Scott and his team have been working on the \$92,634 project, contracted by the Maryland Department of the Environment, to help keep toxins from being released into groundwater. They are identifying the septic systems using information including high-resolution aerial photography, images of property lines and homeowner data from the Maryland Department of Planning. Their project is shedding light on the impact every flush has on the health of the Chesapeake Bay.



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