



Respiratory Therapy



Sea Gull Century

University Accolades



Regents Staff Award



Offering outstanding opportunities to Hispanic students



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'Hispanic Outlook' Top Pick

SU is one of the top 50 colleges in the U.S. offering "outstanding opportunities to Hispanic students" according to *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*. SU was named among the magazine's annual "Publisher's Picks," denoting the top 50 colleges and universities for Hispanic students in the U.S. Joining other institutions, including Harvard, Princeton, Rutgers, Cornell and Penn State universities, this marks Salisbury's first time on the list since the ranking's inception in 1995. "When I came to SU in 2000, one of my first initiatives was to attract a student population that more accurately reflected Maryland's population as a whole," said President Janet Dudley-Eshbach. "This ranking provides validation that those efforts are bearing fruit."



Fulbright Tradition Continues

SU was named among the nation's top producers of Fulbright Scholars for 2015-16 by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Adding to the list of Fulbright Scholars, Dr. Manav Ratti, English, earned a grant through the Fulbright Canada-RBC Eco-Leadership Program. He received the award to start a sustainable community garden in Salisbury's Newtown Historic District, about 2 miles from the University. Also, Dr. Dane Foust, vice president of student affairs, was selected for the prestigious Fulbright International Education Administrators Seminar Program. Bolstering connections in Europe, Foust traveled to France, visiting campuses and meeting with education officials. In addition to Foust, Dr. Andrew Sharma, Communication Arts, received his second Fulbright to teach at the Indian Institute of Mass Communications and alumna Payge Jennings '14 earned a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to South Korea.

Regents Staff Award

For his efforts keeping the campus' infrastructure running smoothly and interacting with students through organizations such as the SU Outdoor Club, Bob Maddux received one of the University System of Maryland's highest honors: the Board of Regents Staff Award for Excellence. Recognized specifically for Outstanding Service to Students in an Academic or Residential Environment, Maddux is instrumental not only in supervising maintenance activities for the campus' 11 residence halls, as well as the Guerrieri University Center and Commons, but also in welcoming new students to the University. He co-directs the New Student Orientation program "Bike, Beach and Beyond" and often is a rider in the University's annual Sea Gull Century, a 100-mile bicycling event that raises funds for scholarships and other causes. Maddux has been a member of the SU community for more than three decades, serving as multi-trades supervisor since 1997.



Sharing International and Student Successes

SU's efforts in internationalization and enhancing students' first year at college have placed them among select groups involved in two innovative studies.

The University is one of 13 colleges and universities nationwide participating in the American Council on Education's (ACE's) 13th Internationalization Laboratory Cohort. SU applied for membership and was selected for participation based on the strength of its international initiatives.

SU will assess its ongoing efforts and develop strategies and goals for further campus internationalization. This will include forming leadership teams to work on strategic planning and student outcomes, attending cohort meetings in Washington, participating in site visits and peer reviews, engaging in monthly communication with ACE staff, and working with faculty to encourage considering international perspectives as part of various programs.

In addition, SU was selected by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) to participate in the three year "Re Imagining the First Year of College" (RFY) project, a sweeping initiative aimed at transforming the first year of college to enhance students' success in their undergraduate years and in the 21st century workplace. Salisbury is the only institution in Maryland selected for this initiative and one of only 44 nationally.

As part of the project, SU will select and implement proven, evidence based strategies that focus on four core areas to help first year students succeed: institutional intentionality, curriculum, faculty and staff roles, and student roles. SU also will participate in a learning community with the 43 other selected state colleges and universities. This community will enable RFY participants to attend national conferences and educational webinars, receive one on one mentoring, access online tools and resources, and share ideas, successful strategies and lessons learned.



Introducing SU's Honors College

Started 35 years ago, the Bellavance Honors Program has transformed into an Honors College with expanded course offerings in business, education, nursing and biology. In addition to two Living Learning Communities, current creative courses include Statistics through Baseball, Music and Power, and Violence in Video Game Design, Theory and Culture. Student learning also involves engaging guest speakers, such as the cartoon editor of *The New Yorker*; study trips to Iceland and other places off the beaten path; and unique volunteering, such as at a horse rescue center. Dr. Jim Buss, Honors dean, hopes the new college will further draw faculty from across campus to teach, developing even more imaginative courses that transcend traditional academic boundaries. The commitment to Honors education benefits students. It already has produced SU's first Gates Cambridge and Fulbright teaching scholars.