

# Admissions & Financial Aid

## PROFILE: WENDY



### I give kids a better future

I was drawn to SU because I wanted to major in elementary education and I thought it was neat that SU was originally a teachers' college. I wanted to work with kids. Planning to be a teacher, I started tutoring kids at the nearby Urban Ministries' Homework Club. That led me to get involved with Kid's Café, which feeds children of low-income families. The kids are great—many are "at risk" and don't have much available to them at home, but they're so sweet. I also serve as a mentor for Diamonds and Pearls, a group of adolescent girls. A lot of them have low self-esteem, so we hold photo shoots where they model and see they're beautiful. Working with these special people inspired me to change my major to social work. The personable, helpful professors at SU help me gain a lot of knowledge, and I'm no stranger to field volunteering. I'm getting credit now to

intern with Urban Ministries, and over spring break, I helped fix up homes in Mississippi where Hurricane Katrina hit. The opportunities at SU are priceless if you're open-minded and ready to get the most out of college. I was president of our chapter of the NAACP and attended a national leadership conference. There's so much to do and learn—your future can start here!



## JUST THE FACTS

### Application Deadlines:

Early Action: December 1      Response from SU: January 15  
Regular Decision: January 15      Response from SU: March 15

Apply online: [www.salisbury.edu/apply](http://www.salisbury.edu/apply)

No. of undergraduates receive financial aid: **75%**

Amount in financial aid awarded: **\$40 million**

## SEEKING DISTINCTIVE STUDENTS

Salisbury University considers a broad range of criteria while reviewing your application to ensure SU maintains its diverse, talented and capable student body. Your unique skills and abilities define campus life in and beyond the classroom. To

better evaluate your individual talents, SU looks at your:

- academic success
- courses taken
- high school performance (weighted, cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- leadership experience
- community service and involvement
- contribution to school diversity
- talents
- standardized test scores

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## APPLYING MADE SIMPLE

Continuing its mission to value each student individually, Salisbury University has begun a test-optional pilot program. This five-year study allows SU to give qualified students the option to exclude their SAT I or ACT scores from the review of their application with a 3.50 high school GPA on a weighted 4.0 scale. If you elect to exclude your scores you're encouraged to provide additional information to show your distinct talents in academics, the arts, leadership and other areas where you've had success. This new policy reflects the value SU places on all student achievements throughout your high school career. SU's application is exclusively online and available 24/7.

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### 1 Send official transcripts

Request either your high school or college send your official transcripts to SU.

### 2 Forward SAT I or ACT scores

Have your results sent directly from the College Board or the American Testing Program.

### 3 Supplement your application

Although it's not required we encourage you to send letters of recommendation or an activities resume to provide insight into your qualities beyond what a GPA and test scores capture.



## UNIVERSITY COSTS

SU's tuition and fees are available online at  
[www.salisbury.edu/admissions/finaid](http://www.salisbury.edu/admissions/finaid)

## PROFILE: SEBASTIAN

# I had a blast at NASA

Ever had the urge to build a rocket? As a physics major, I got to do just that in the SERI (Small-scale Educational Rocket Initiative) Program. With my classmates I built a half-scale Patriot with a student-developed payload encompassing a backup flight computer and extensive sensor suite. We also created a completely non-pyrotechnic, two-stage, parachute ejection and recovery system and authored a successful grant to fund the project from the Henson School of Science. We frequently presented our project to

NASA range safety officers and underwent strict environmental testing to ensure a safe flight. Our hard work earned us good flight engineering data gained through telemetry, a full room of smiling NASA scientists and proud parents, an article in the Wallops newsletter, and a video to prove it. The long sleepless nights were all forgotten the moment I held down the button to ignite the motor. There is something very raw about building something with your hands and then watching it scream into the air. I stood there thinking, "I came to SU knowing nothing. I built that thing from what I've learned here." I'd say that's the best culmination of an education that anyone could ask for and more people should get the chance to experience it.



## FINANCIAL AID

Millions of financial aid dollars are awarded to Salisbury University students every year. Award types vary and may include federal, state, private and institutionally funded programs in the forms of scholarships, grants, loans and student employment. All students wishing to apply for financial aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and are encouraged to apply by early January for priority funding.

In addition, all applicants are considered for a growing number of academic scholarships. SU is committed to increasing scholarship dollars for its much-deserving students. Many of these scholarships are specially tailored to help students with a wide array of academic interests and financial needs. The University is committed to helping your educational dreams become a reality.

