

# CLASSNOTES

Information received prior to June 17, 2004

## PRIOR TO 1970

**Franklin P. Perdue '41** was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at Salisbury University's December commencement. The award was given by the SU Alumni Association.

**Ann Sterling-Suthowski '62 & '75** has been appointed by Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich Jr. to the Board of Election Supervisors of Wicomico County. Ann currently serves as vice-president of the Friends of Salisbury Zoo and is also a docent at the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art.

**William T. McComb Sr. '63 & '76** was recently awarded the 2004 Citizen of the Year by the president of the Chincoteague (VA) Chamber of Commerce.

**Beverly Bryan Blades '65** was named 2003's top listing and sales producer at Callaway, Farnell and Moore in Seaford, DE. She has been a real estate agent for 24 years, 17 of which she has been associated with Callaway, Farnell and Moore.

**Linda Hastings Quillen '68** earned a National Board Certification in Early Adolescent Mathematics.

**Dr. Vera D. Torrence '68** was awarded the Fulbright Administrator Exchange for the 2004-2005 school year. The purpose of the Administrator Exchange Program is to help promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through educational exchange. Torrence will travel to England for six weeks to work with a head mistress and the head master will travel to Maryland to work with Torrence for six weeks.

**Larry Cassell '69** was recently selected for 2003's *The Washington Post* Distinguished Educational Leadership Award in Frederick County, MD. He has been principal of Ballenger Creek Elementary School since it opened in 1990.

## 1970s

**Calvin R. Dize Jr. '70** was recently appointed at Crisfield's (MD) city manager.

**Eleanor LeViness Stump '71** recently celebrated her 27th year as a holistic practitioner at Delmarva Health Centre.

**Ann Fontaine Lewis '72 & '91** was recently elected to serve on the board of directors for Coastal Hospice and Home Health.

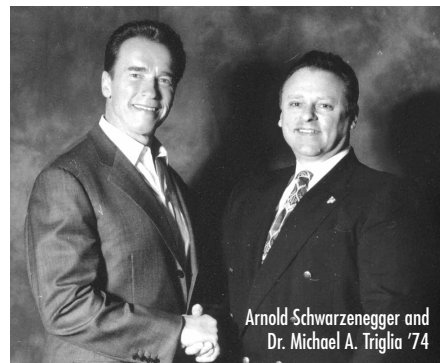
**Martha P. Dembeck '73** is currently completing her 31st year in the Baltimore County School System. She is an assistant principal at Victory Villa Elementary School in Middle River, MD.

**Thomas J. Mumford III '73** has written *Yea and Nay of Smooterville*, a book for children that teaches that success or failure come from within. He is the department chair of social sciences for Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown.

**George E. Schenck '73** was recently appointed to the Seaford Federal Credit Union nine-member volunteer board of directors.

**Susan A. Grudis '74** is the Teacher of the Year for Washington High School in Somerset County, MD. She has taught physical education and health for 30 years.

**Dr. Michael A. Triglia '74** (below) was among the select few chiropractors who attended the 12th Annual Fitness Conference with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in March 2004. He is a chiropractor for Peninsula Chiropractic Center in Delaware.

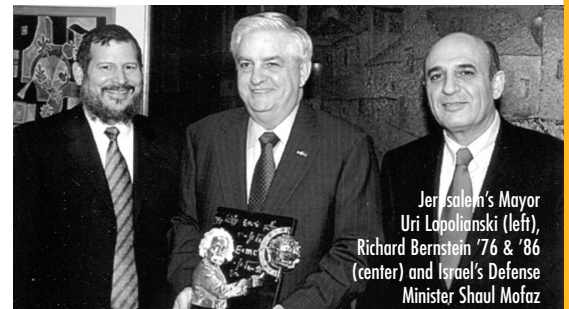


**Jesse (Tommy) Bennington Jr. '75** was recently ordained as a minister with the Universal Life Church in Modesto, CA.

**Patricia Jefferson Blevins '75 & '84** was promoted to the new position of reading coordinator K-8 by the Wicomico County Board of Education. She will work with teachers and schools throughout the county to improve students' reading achievement.

**Deborah (Debbie) Shockley Abbott '76** was recently presented with the Annual Community Service Award at Peninsula Bank. Debbie is a senior vice president and regional officer at Peninsula Bank.

**Richard Bernstein '76 & '86** (right), president and CEO of BAI Aerosystems, Inc., was honored in Jerusalem on January 14, 2004, with the Albert Einstein Aerospace Technology Award recognizing his leadership in the microwave communications and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) industries.



**Pamela Winters Dolle '76** was presented with the Alumni Service Award at the December commencement by the Alumni Association. Pam served on the Alumni Association's board of directors from 1997 to 2001. She was president from 2001-2003.

**Joseph Howard Leonard '76** is currently serving as the chairperson of the Governor's Advisory Council for the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He is the executive director of the Deaf Independent Living Association, Inc.

**Judy Harris Davis '77** earned the prestigious national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Her national certification is in early childhood through young adulthood/exceptional needs specialist.

**Dr. Judith M. Stribling '77**, professor of biological sciences at SU, has been selected to receive the Frances H. Flanigan Environmental Leadership Award for her leadership in raising awareness of the issues concerning the Chesapeake Bay and watershed protection.

**Cathy Littleton Townsend '77** was recently named Maryland's Middle School Principal of the Year. She is the principal at Salisbury Middle School.

**Julia Beauchamp Bellamy '78** joined the Davis, Bowen & Friedel Business Development Group as a market coordinator in September 2003.

**Brian Spiering '79** is currently principal of North Caroline High School in Ridgely, MD. His wife, **Susan Cowen Spiering '81**, works for the Child Protection Unit of Social Services in Denton, MD. They reside in Goldsboro, MD, with their two children, Emily (18) and Jacob (13).

## 1980s

**Keith R. Bennie '81**, and his fellow crewmembers, recently received the Navy's Retention Excellence Award for 2003. The Retention Excellence Award, also known as the Golden Anchor, recognizes a command's ability to meet or exceed its annual goals for sailor retention.

**Jack Powell '81 & '92** recently had his article titled "Five Stages to Responsible Behavior" published in the *International Journal of Reality Therapy*.

**Louis H. Taylor '81 & '89** has been elected the newest member of the board of directors of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. Louis is the principal of Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, MD.

**Stephen J. Bisciotti '82** is now the majority owner of the Baltimore Ravens football organization.

**Lynne Pollitt Bratten '82** was named Maryland's Guidance Counselor of the Year for 2003. She has been a guidance counselor at James M. Bennett High School, MD, for 20 years.

**Kevin G. LesCalette '82** was promoted to the position of finance and marketing director for the Del-Mar-Va Council, Boy Scouts of America in Wilmington, DE. He had been serving as camping and activities director since June 2000.

**Dwight H. Miller '82** recently became the president of the Rotary Club of Wicomico County. He also has recently been promoted to president of Gillis Gilkerson, Inc., a regional general contractor based in Salisbury.

**Jean Hooke Sewell '86** recently graduated from Maryland Banking School's Advanced School of Bank Management. She is vice president and marketing director of Peninsula Bank.

**Debra Thompson Goodman '87 & '89** was recently presented with the 2003 Annual Excellence and Pride Award by Peninsula Bank. Debbie is the vice president of human resources and training.

**Anne Faulkner Ridley '87** was named the Dorchester County, MD, Teacher of the Year. She is the media specialist at Warwick Elementary School. Anne will represent Dorchester County as a candidate for the Maryland Teacher of the Year Award.

**William S. Turner '87** has joined Willards Bank as a business development officer in Wicomico County, MD.

**Jane H. Flowers '88** was recently presented with the Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses 2004 Outstanding Achievement in PeriOperative Clinical Nursing award at the organization's 51st annual Congress in San Diego.

**Ronald W. Linkswiler '88** was recently named 2004's Outstanding Music Teacher for Pinehurst and Prince Street Schools, MD.

**Krista Bell Tull '88** has been certified as a clinical nurse specialist in home health by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

## 1990s

**Michael G. Abercrombie Jr. '90** has been appointed to the Bay National Bank's Salisbury Advisory Board.

**Richard Baskas '90** served 12 years honorably in the U.S. Air Force as a firefighter. He became a certified middle/high school biology teacher in Hillsborough County, FL. He had his first genealogical book published, *The Ancestry and Life of Cornelius Melyn: Third Patron of Staten Island*, in 2003. He is now working on *Cornelius Melyn: His Descendants and Pioneers of Custer County, Montana and Leavenworth, Kansas*.

**Dr. Leslie Stufft Knight '90** is a family physician on the teaching staff at the Family Medicine Residency of the University of Nebraska and Offutt Air Force Base.

**Jennette Altwater Mears '90, '91 & '93** is currently president of the Eastern Shore Reading Council for 2004-2005. She is also a CASA volunteer for the tri-county area.

**Elena A. Russo '90** recently earned a master's degree in mass communications at Towson University.

**April Riggan Tyler '90 & '99** was named Somerset County's, MD, Teacher of the Year. She was also named Somerset County's Primary and Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

**Emily Johnson Florence '91** was chosen as the 2004 Teacher of the Year for the city of Falls Church, VA. She was also awarded *The Washington Post's* Agnes Meyer Teacher of the Year Award for the Falls Church school system.

**Penny Justice Makuchal '91 & '97** has advanced from the Maryland School Nurse of the Year to one of six finalists for the National School Nurse of the Year title. She is a teacher and nurse at the Worcester County Technology and Career Center. She is the school nurse consultant for all 14 of Worcester County's public schools. Penny also teaches school health at SU.

**Tracy Adams Palmer '91 & '01**, an allied health occupations instructor, was recently selected as the Worcester Career and Technology Center's Teacher of the Year. She has been teaching at the center for five years.

**Elizabeth A. Melhorn '92** was the first female to become a career firefighter in the 108-year history of the Paterson (NJ) Fire Department.

**Kathleen Elliott Robins '92**, CPA, was recently promoted at Pigg, Krahl, Stern, & Co. to manager in the firm's accounting and auditing department.

**Paul M. Becker '93** was named Chincoteague Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

**Donald Clime '93** recently received the first Community Relations Officer of the Year award in Annapolis, MD.

**Anthony F. Grosso Jr. '94** has joined Progressive Vision Institute as partner. He will serve as a board-certified ophthalmologist and surgeon.

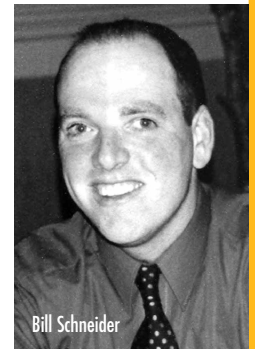
**Ruth Malone '94**, principal of Wicomico High School, was named supervisor of English language arts/foreign language K-12 by the Wicomico County Board of Education.

**Dr. Janine Kushner '95** started as a consultant pharmacist with PPD Medical Communications in Durham, NC.

**Michael W. Mowery '95** recently completed the M.B.A. program at the University of Phoenix.

**William J. Schneider Jr. '95**

received a master's degree in policy sciences from the University of Maryland Baltimore County in December 2003. He is currently the director of institutional research and planning for Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, MD. He is a member of the Association for Institutional Research.



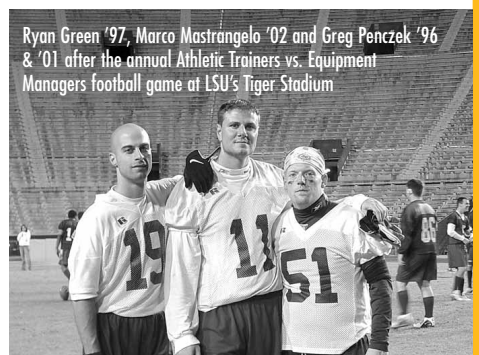
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**Daniel M. O'Connell II '96**, CPA, CVA, was recently promoted to manager at Pigg, Krahl, Stern, & Co. He is a manager for the firm's accounting and auditing department.

**Jeffrey Pontius '96** and his wife, **Amy Garst Pontius '97**, have been living in China for the past two years. Jeff works for Intel Corporation as a finance manager in Shanghai. Amy works for an international relocation company in the city.

**Kristine Schlotzhauer George '97** was recently promoted to special sections editor at *The Star Democrat*.

**Ryan Green '97**, **Marco Mastrangelo '02** and **Greg Penczek '96 & '01** (below) are athletic training students at Louisiana State University.



Ryan Green '97, Marco Mastrangelo '02 and Greg Penczek '96 & '01 after the annual Athletic Trainers vs. Equipment Managers football game at LSU's Tiger Stadium

**Kimberly Lockfaw King '97** has recently been chosen as the Teacher of the Year at Pocomoke Elementary School, MD. She has taught there since 1998. She is a member of the Worcester County Teachers' Association, Maryland State Teachers' Association and the National Education Association.

**Dr. Susan Scanlan Lester '97** recently received a doctorate in education in Innovation and Leadership from Wilmington College.

**Mark Truszkowski '97** (below) has successfully completed his first year as assistant principal at his alma mater, Overlea High School in Baltimore County, MD, joining SU Alum **James F. Thanner '76** who is principal.



**Patricia Adkins '98** was recently named Maryland's 2004 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association for Secondary School Principals.

**Harold B. Gordy III '98** recently joined Merrill Lynch as a financial adviser.

**George O. Mayer IV '98** has recently become the newest commissioner of the Diamond Football League. He was a player on the team for four years and an owner of the team for two years prior to becoming the commissioner.

**Kimberly T. Thomas '98** successfully completed the CPA exam in November 2003. She is a Certified Public Accountant for Trice Geary & Myers, LLC.

**Joan Littleton Wharton '98** was recently nominated for the Outstanding Young Marylander Award by the Salisbury Jaycees chapter.

**Brian Raygor '99** was named the 2004-2005 Wicomico County (MD) Teacher of the Year. Brian teaches biology at James M. Bennett High School.

**Scott B. Schulze '99**, a systems technician at Inacom, has completed a Fundamentals of Cisco Router Configuration Workshop. The workshops were established as a lab-based environment for technical staff to have first-hand experience with Cisco equipment configuration and installation.

## 2000s

**Eric W. Hammond '00** received a Governor's Citation in recognition of his service in

support of the Governor's Commission on Minority Business Enterprise Reform. He is the video services coordinator at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

**Tracy A. Simpson-Hansford '00** was recently promoted at Go-Getters to house manager in the peer connection program.

**Karl S. Bystrak '01**, a network engineer for Inacom, recently completed a Fundamentals of Cisco Router Configuration Workshop.

**Christina Forsythe '01** is beginning the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine Program at the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine in Arizona. It's a four-year medical program. The program focuses on a holistic approach to medicine. She will learn traditional medicine, but also naturopathic manipulation, botanical medicine, acupuncture and other techniques to treat the body with natural substances.

**Erin E. Sowers '01** recently received her master's degree in teaching from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. She currently works as an art instructor at Bennett High School in Salisbury.

**Nancy M. Stewart '01** was recently promoted to executive director at Maryland Capital Enterprises, Inc. Nancy has worked for the organization since 1999.

**Carrie L. Wright '01** received her paralegal certificate from the University of Maryland and accepted a position at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Blair A. Robbins '02** passed the Certified Public Accounting exam in November 2003. He is currently working for Twilley, Rommel & Stephens, P.A.

**Dennis Urban '02** recently received a master's degree in social studies education from Columbia University. He is currently teaching American history and government at John F. Kennedy High School, NY.

**Linda Wright '02** has accepted the position of executive director with the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce in Port St. Lucie, FL. She left her position as executive director of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce in February 2004.

**Brian E. Holland '03** successfully completed the CPA exam in November 2003. He is a Certified Public Accountant for Trice Geary & Myers, LLC.

**Jonathan A. Laskiewicz '03**, a Coast Guard Fireman, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, NJ.

**Jamie L. McCoy '03** recently joined the staff of *The Star Democrat* as the new community editor.

## MARRIAGES

**Dr. Scott B. Harrison '84** – Maria Patricia Cortez

**Sara F. Seidel '85** – Dr. Michael Stivelman

**Kurt Wulff '86** – Rachel Pfanner

**Theresa R. Buysee '88** – Stuart Baldwin

**Susan L. Maddox '88** – Daniel M. Landis

**David V. Smullen '89** – Merri M. Moore

**Kathleen Sullivan '91** – Andrew Van de Castle

**Michael R. Lowery '92** – Lee Buswell

**Amy E. Black '94** – Shawn Metcalf

**Stacey L. Doman '94** – Gerald D. Smith

**James R. Romans '94** – Wendy Chaillet

**Mary E. Bernal '96** – Edward D. Clark

**Nicole Bethke '96** – Eric Ramsey

**Yancy W. Lowe '97** – Kenna Brigham '99

**Randall B. Owens '97** – Kandal A. Williams

**Susan M. Rains '97** – Wayne Bell

**Jennifer Adams deWindt '00** – Kenneth L. Fitzgerald

**Ryan T. Pusey '00** – Kathryn E. Threewitts

**Jessica Simone '00** – Kevin Smith

**Vincent C. Urbancic '00** – Milagros Fontenla

**Chad P. Weiner '00** – Rachel M. Dempsey

**Julie K. Cross '01** – Ian McColley



**Steve Hyun Lee '01** – Erin E. Waggoner '02

**Christopher P. McCabe '02** – Sarah M. Hetherington '03

**Christina M. Robinson '02** – Steven E. Dickerson

**Melinda Studley '02** – Shawn Bays

**Tara R. Webster '03** – Christopher M. Jones

## BIRTHS

**Joe Talbott '85** & Kelly Talbott – Daughter: Nora Elizabeth

**John Beall '89** & Debbie Beall – Daughter: Juliana Catherine

**Amy Smith Farmer '91** & Gregory Farmer – Son: Benjamin Victor



**Lori Shockley Peters '89 & John R. Peters '01** – Daughter: Riley Madeline  
**April Meilhammer Brilliant '91** & Denis Brilliant – Son: Donovan Bernard  
**Rhonda Hall Livingston '92** & Richard Livingston – Daughter: Alicyn Nicole  
**Eric McLaughlin '92** & Tracey McLaughlin – Daughter: Caitlin Elizabeth



**Victoria (Tory) West Estabrook '92** & Jason Estabrook – Son: Julian Pdraig Oisin Zidane  
**Michelle Gatter Christensen '93** & Scott Christensen – Son: Matthew Scott  
**Nicole Bleach Mumford '93** & Jack Mumford III – Daughter: Alexis Grace  
**Jill Briley Peacher '93** & Keith Peacher – Daughter: Briley Grace  
**Melissa Palmer Truffer '94** & Brad Truffer – Daughter: Ashley Elizabeth  
**Kimberly Hoopengardner Williams '94** & Trevor Williams – Son: Jacob Titan  
**Daniel E. Wheeler '94** & Lisa Sanchez Wheeler – Son: Fernando Elijah  
**Burton R. Cashman '95** & Kristin Heath Cashman '98 – Daughter: Cassidy Jean  
**Laura Habicht Greenlee '95** & Eric Greenlee – Son: Austin James

**Chad Kemler '95** & Meghan Kemler – Son: James Patrick  
**Kevin M. Rich '95** & Kellie Rich – Son: Ryan Michael  
**Deborah Bean Fluhr '96** & Neil Fluhr – Son: Sean  
**Ginger Massey Hall '96** & Kevin Hall – Son: Ryan Edward  
**Dr. Sarah Rogers Haines '98** & Thomas Haines – Son: Adam Thomas  
**Michael Johnson Jr. '98** & Rebecca Johnson – Daughter: Emma Elizabeth  
**Angela Colona Mitchell '98** & Christopher Mitchell – Twins: Katherine Emma & Jack Thomas  
**Kimberly Parkany Nurmi '98 & Gabriel P. Nurmi '98** – Daughter: Samantha Leigh  
**Eric R. Bowen '99** & Carrie Barnes Bowen '99 – Daughter: Danielle Elizabeth  
**Kelly M. Luffman '00** & Pete Bozick – Daughter: Dana Gabrielle

**DEATHS**

**Helen Maye Boyce Reier '26** – May 17, 2004  
**Hilda Riley Shockley '27** – December 16, 2003  
**Mildred Beauchamp Burdette '28** – February 24, 2004  
**Louise Brittingham Taylor '28** – April 18, 2004  
**Marguerite Shores Brewington '30** – February 2, 2004  
**Constance Clark Cooper '30** – December 20, 2003  
**Bertha Graham Long '32** – February 9, 2004  
**Hilda M. Todd '35** – February 13, 2004

**Sara Lynch Briscoe '39** – April 11, 2004  
**Shirley Powell Kirby '41** – June 13, 2004  
**Owen Richard McNeal '41** – March 20, 2004  
**Jeannette Rencher Insley '42** – January 10, 2004  
**Lorraine S. Bloodsworth '43** – April 23, 2004  
**Marian M. Koster '43** – May 3, 2004  
**Jane Wheatley Oliphant '43** – June 4, 2004  
**Edith Farlow Messick '44** – March 13, 2004  
**Sara Timmons White '44** – March 25, 2004  
**June Totten Muir '45** – January 22, 2004  
**Hilda Baker Eskridge '46** – February 29, 2004  
**Jean W. Staubs '47** – January 9, 2004  
**Frances Jester Turner '50** – January 16, 2004  
**Herbert Gladstone Ball '56** – January 17, 2004  
**Betty Wharton Dashiell '59** – February 25, 2004  
**William E. Hitchens '59** – February 26, 2004  
**Jay D. Catlin '65** – November 8, 2003  
**Lana Rae Williams '66** – March 8, 2004  
**Effie Dean Young Lewis '69 & '79** – November 3, 2003  
**John H. Merritt '71** – March 24, 2004  
**Charles Steven Harman '74** – February 25, 2004  
**Eddie L. Smith '74** – March 18, 2004  
**Jerry Edwin Tiller '76** – December 2, 2003  
**Lorna Loveless Bennie '78** – June 1, 2004  
**Beth Waldis Elzey '82** – January 5, 2004  
**Flora T. Townsend '88** – April 6, 2004  
**Cindy M. Dutton '97** – April 23, 2004  
**Joanne C. Dobson '98** – June 9, 2004  
**Joy Patricia Hayward '02** – February 12, 2004  
**Kimberly Bonita Myrick '02** – November 1, 2003  
**Sue M. Brittingham** – April 9, 2004  
 Sue Brittingham was a public relations specialist for Salisbury University for 16 years. She was a skilled ambassador to all media, promoting the life and reputation of the University and bringing good humor and good will to all those she encountered. During her years at the University, she touched the lives of thousands of students, faculty and staff through her efforts to share the good news about SU.

