

Leimann Honored with Alumni Award



Alumni Association President Hugh Hanson and University President Janet Dudley-Eshbach present Karen Leimann (right) with Alumni Appreciation Award.

Alumna Karen Leimann was recognized at SSU's December commencement with the prestigious Alumni Appreciation Award.

Leimann, an elementary teacher and administrator in Wicomico County for over 20 years, received both her bachelor's (1973) and master's in education (1991) from Salisbury State. She is currently the principal at Prince Street Elementary School in Salisbury.

As a member of Salisbury State's Alumni Association board of directors since 1991, Leimann has held the offices of secretary, vice president and president (1997-99) and played a key role on the committee for furnishing the Alumni House, which opened in June 1996. She continues to serve on the alumni Board of Visitors, a president's advisory board, which was formed during her term as Alumni Association president.

"During her tenure as president she worked hard to generate alumni awareness and appreciation on campus," said Roy Perdue, director of alumni relations, "with home-coming attendance and alumni giving both rising dramatically."

A member of both Delta Kappa Gamma and Phi Delta Kappa, Leimann is also involved with the Wicomico Historical Society. She is also a past member of the Junior Auxiliary Board at Peninsula Regional Medical Center and the Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council.

New SSU Alumni Association Board of Directors



Julie Duer Clayton (B.S. '84) is a senior account executive with Delmarva 47 News and WBD/Delmarva Broadcasting. She is a member of the board of directors of the United Way and is business coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours program. She is also an active member of the Worcester Preparatory School gala committee and a member of Ducks Unlimited. A native of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, she and her husband, John, now live in Salisbury.



Kerrie Anne Jones Bunting (B.S. '92) is a senior research interviewer with the Salisbury Eye Evaluation Project of the Johns Hopkins University. She and her husband, Tim, live in Ocean Pines. Her father, Dr. Thomas Jones, is the dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology.



Dornell L. Woolford (B.A. '88, M.A. '93) is instructor of developmental education at Wor Wic Community College. He is a member of the Developmental Education Association of Maryland, Lower Shore Chapter of the American Red Cross, Bay Shore Services, Rotary Club of Salisbury and the National Kidney Foundation of Maryland. He lives in Federalsburg, MD.

Dear Fellow Alumni,

During fall 2000, we enjoyed a wider variety of alumni activities and programs than ever before, resulting in greatly increased attendance and support for SSU. It was exciting to see the alumni participate in Festival for University Neighbors (FUN) Day, the Board of Visitors meeting, Regents Cup football game, alumni chapter activities and Career Week. Even more gratifying was to see record numbers of alumni return to campus for the 75th Anniversary Homecoming/Reunion Weekend. To cap off a successful year, SSU ranked first among all University System of Maryland institutions in the rate of alumni giving.



Communication from the Office of Alumni Relations to our 26,000 alumni has become greatly enhanced during the past year due to new and improved online communication capabilities. Check out our Web site at www.ssu.edu/alumni/ to discover what alumni activities are planned in your area.

Also browse through our online alumni photo album, add your name and e-mail address to the online directory (or update your information if you're already in the directory), or register for the Work Information Network (WIN). From the alumni home page you can link to an interactive virtual campus tour, as well as many other hot links.

Please note that beginning with this edition, we are mailing *In Touch* only to alumni who are not in the online directory. All those alumni online will be sent an e-mail telling them where to access the current issue on the SSU Web site.

This is an exciting time on our campus—a new President, a new year and, pending legislative approval, a new name, Salisbury University. Why not consider becoming more involved in the Alumni Association? I think you'll find, as I have, the rewards are great.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity of representing you during this 75th anniversary year.

Sincerely,

Hugh K. Hanson '68
President, SSU Alumni Association



SSU Annual Fund: Making a Difference in SSU's Future

1999-2000 Campaign Yields Record Numbers

The 1999-2000 Annual Fund Campaign concluded on June 30, 2000, with a record number of alumni gifts to the University. More than 3,300 SSU alumni made gifts to the 1999-2000 annual fund (see list on page 15). This is a dramatic increase over the '98-'99 campaign. The increase was driven by a tremendous amount of first-time donors giving to the annual fund. SSU alumni's commitment of giving was recognized as the highest percentage of alumni participation (18.6 percent) among all members of the University System of Maryland.

The University is very grateful to John Moseman '82 and his wife, Barbara, for the generous gift on behalf of each member of the Class of 2000 to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. The Moseman's gift was made to congratulate the class on their accomplishment and to emphasize that involvement in the Annual Fund Campaign at any monetary level is very important. Under Moseman's leadership as chair of the 2000-01 campaign, the Office of Alumni Relations looks to continue building upon last year's success.

The classes of 1958 and 1959, through their participation and generosity, held very successful reunion class gift campaigns. Carole Kirkwood Bozman, the chair of the Class of 1959's campaign, and her fellow classmates established the Dr. William H. Wroten Jr. Scholarship in Maryland History. Dr. Wayne Smith, the chair of the Class of 1958's campaign, and his fellow classmates donated a teak table and chairs to the Rose Garden behind Holloway Hall and made a generous donation to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. The University wishes to thank both of these classes for their support and involvement. We hope that you will continue to support the programs that you have established through your reunion class gift campaigns.

Career Week 2000

Fifty-five alumni from various parts of the eastern U.S. visited the campus during the second week of November to talk about life after SSU. Panel presentations, workshops and "Alumni in the Classroom" visits were designed to offer students first-hand information about career paths.



Shown at one of the panel presentations are (from left) Jeff Glenn '83, Ray Adkins '83, Denise Conklin '82, Don Taylor '73, Paul Bissman '95 and Dr. Jeff Kottemann (SSU Management Information System faculty).

TEHA Presents Scholarships

Garth Jones, sanitarian with the Worcester County Environmental Program, and Laura Mooney '95, Tidewater Environmental Health Association (TEHA) president, recently presented a \$5,356.40 check for SSU environmental health scholarships to Dr. Elichia A. Venzo, Environmental Health Program director. Others at the presentation included \$1,000 TEHA scholarship recipient Amanda Zych '01 of Poolesville, MD, and Roy S. Perdue, SSU director of alumni relations. Proceeds from TEHA's Wallace Q. French annual golf tournament benefit SSU environmental health students. When this scholarship program was established in 1987, TEHA helped create the first undergraduate environmental health major at a university in Maryland.



Pictured are (from left) Jones, Mooney, Venzo, Zych and Perdue.



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Annual Fund Web Site

Alumni are now able to get information on the SSU annual fund via the internet at www.ssu.edu/annualfund/. The site provides information on ways of giving, matching gifts, reunion class gift campaigns, Varsity Club and secure online giving.

2000-01 Reunion Class Gift Campaign

The classes of 1950, 1960 and 1975 are holding reunion class gift campaigns during the 2000-01 Annual Fund Campaign. The Class of 1950 campaign, co-chaired by Levin Heath and Walt Potter, is raising money to commission an oil painting of 1950s Holloway Hall. The painting will be presented to the University once the class has raised the needed amount for the painting.

The Class of 1960 campaign, co-chaired by Rose Brous and many of her classmates, is raising money to purchase teak lawn and patio furniture for the Alumni House patio and garden. The Class of 1960 will present their gift to the University at the fifth anniversary of the Alumni House in June.

The Class of 1975 campaign is progressing nicely. The class has not yet selected a project that their gift will benefit. Alumni with project ideas or who are interested in making a gift to their reunion class gift campaign should contact Michael Jessup, director of annual giving, at mhjessup@ssu.edu or 410-548-2074.