

# The University

## Mission Statement

Salisbury State University's mission is to cultivate and sustain a superior, student-centered learning community where students, faculty and staff are viewed as both teachers and learners, and where a commitment to excellence permeates all aspects of University life. We recruit exceptional and diverse faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students and support them as they work together to reach the University's goals. Serving Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region, we are concerned participants in responding to the educational, economic, cultural and social needs of our community and believe that service is a vital component of civic life. Our highest purpose is to empower our students with the knowledge, skills and core values that contribute to life-long learning and active citizenship in a democratic society and interdependent world.

## Values

The core values of Salisbury State University are excellence, student-centeredness, learning, community, civic engagement and diversity. We believe these values must be lived and experienced as integral to everyday campus life so that students make the connection between what they learn and how they live.

**Excellence:** Excellence, the standard against which all University activities and outcomes are measured, connotes the perfection and the quality for which we strive and hold ourselves accountable. We accept the notion that the quality of a university depends on the heads and hearts of those in it.

**Student-Centeredness:** Our students are the primary reason for our existence. Our focus is on their academic and individual success and on their health and well-being. We are committed to helping students learn to make reasoned decisions and to be accountable for the outcomes of the decisions they have made.

**Learning:** We believe that learning is fundamental to living a life with purpose in an increasingly inter-related world and that our role is to teach students not what to think, but how to think. The University introduces students to a system of ideas about the nature of humanity, the universe, and the world created by art and thought. Through active learning, service learning, international experience and co-curricular activities, students connect research to practice, and theory to action.

**Community:** Salisbury State University takes pride in being a caring and civil place where individuals accept their obligations to the group, learn through their interactions and relationships with others, where governance is shared, and where the focus is on the common good. We honor the heritage and traditions of the institution which serve as a foundation for future change.

**Civic Engagement:** The University stands as a part of, rather than apart from, the local and regional

community. Recognizing its history and traditions, we seek to improve the quality of life for citizens in the region. We believe it is our responsibility to enrich cultural life, enhance the conduct of public affairs and contribute to the advancement of the region. We seek to instill in our students a lifelong commitment to civic engagement.

**Diversity:** Salisbury State University views itself as a just community where there is respect for the value of global, societal and individual differences and commitment to equal opportunity. Diversity is purposefully cultivated as a way to strengthen and enhance our University community.

## History

In 1922, the Maryland Legislature established a commission to determine a location for a two-year college on the state's Eastern Shore. A site at Salisbury was selected and the institution opened in September 1925.

The college's two-year course of study was increased to three years in 1931 and to four years in 1934. Following this, and by action of the Legislature of 1935, the College was authorized to grant the Bachelor of Science.

The academic program expanded in 1947 and in 1960, offering four-year programs in arts and sciences, providing students with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science. The University continues to meet the increasing demands of society for quality education and today offers a variety of undergraduate programs in liberal arts, sciences and in the professional fields of business administration, education, medical technology, nursing, respiratory therapy and social work.

In 1962, the state board of trustees approved a graduate program leading to the Master of Education, followed with a Master of Arts in English (1974), a Master of Business Administration (1981), a Master of Science with a major in nursing (1982), a Master of Education with a major in public school administration (1994), a Master of Arts in Teaching (1996), a Master of Arts with a major in history (1998), and a Master of Science in applied health physiology (2000).

In 1988, the state Legislature approved the name change from College to University. Today, Salisbury State University is a nationally accredited, four-year comprehensive university offering 38 distinct undergraduate and graduate degree programs in a friendly atmosphere that encourages close relationships between faculty and students.

## Location

Salisbury State University is located on U.S. Route 13 at the southern edge of Salisbury, MD, which has a metropolitan population of 70,000 and lies 30 miles west of Ocean City, MD; 115 miles southeast of Baltimore,

MD, and Washington, D.C.; 125 miles south of Philadelphia, PA; and 125 miles north of Norfolk, VA.

## Organization

Responsibility for the administration of the University is assigned to the president, who is appointed by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents. The president is assisted in the administration of the University by academic, student services and business administrators. Appointments to these positions, to other administrative offices and to the faculty and staff of the University are made by the president.

The Franklin P. Perdue School of Business, the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology, the Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts and the Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies offer the University's curriculum. School deans, department heads and individual faculty members report to the provost in all matters pertaining to instruction.

The Franklin P. Perdue School of Business includes the faculties of accounting, business administration, economics and management information systems.

The Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology includes the faculties of biology, chemistry, environmental health, geography and regional planning, mathematical and computer sciences, medical technology, nursing, physics and respiratory therapy.

The Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts includes the faculties of art, communication arts, English, history, liberal studies, modern languages (French, German, Spanish), music, philosophy, political science, psychology and sociology.

The Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies includes the faculties of education, military science, physical education and social work.

## Facilities

The **Alumni House**, on Camden Avenue opposite the Holloway Hall entrance, serves alumni gatherings and houses the offices of Alumni Relations, University Advancement and the SSU Foundation.

The **Architectural and Engineering Building** is located at the corner of Power and South Division Streets. SSU architects and engineers are located in this building.

The **Bellavance Honors Center**, on the corner of Camden Avenue and Loblolly Lane, has offices, classrooms and social gathering areas for students enrolled in the Thomas E. Bellavance Honors Program.

**Blackwell Library** is located near the center of the campus. In addition to book and periodical holdings, there are many special collections including government documents, a curriculum laboratory and the Maryland Room. The online catalog provides direct access to and borrowing privileges from the other libraries of the University System of Maryland.

**Caruthers Hall**, situated near Route 13 to the right of the University's main entrance, houses the Learning Center; department offices for social work and teacher education; classrooms; faculty offices; a 225-seat auditorium; and the Communications Center, which includes public radio station WSCL.

The **Center for Conflict Resolution Inc.** provides the community with the means to replace adversarial and violent modes of resolving conflict with nonviolent, collaborative processes and techniques. Through the center, individuals and groups can learn to communicate constructively, thoughtfully and compassionately.

The **Commons** is located on the south end of the campus with a walking link directly connecting it to the Guerrieri University Center. The food court provides 13 different food selections per meal. This beautiful building also houses the book store and the campus post office.

**Devilbiss Science Hall** is located at the south end of the campus mall. In addition to 22 classrooms and 27 offices, it contains laboratories for biological sciences, chemistry, geography and physics. Special features in this building are a theatre-lecture hall seating 224 and a greenhouse.

The **Faculty House**, situated on Camden Avenue across from Nanticoke Hall, is a forum for faculty meetings and professional gatherings. A large, partially secluded rear yard is also available for faculty events.

**Fulton Hall** contains a black box theatre; a photography studio and darkrooms; ceramics, drawing, graphic design, painting and sculpture studios; the faculty offices for the Art, Communication Arts and Music departments; an electronic piano room; practice and listening rooms for music students and orchestra; and choral rehearsal rooms. The departments of Sociology and Political Science, the Computer Center, the dean's office, general purpose classrooms, a lecture hall and the University Gallery are also located in Fulton Hall.

The **Galleries at Salisbury State University** extends the University's cultural commitment to the community. The University Gallery (Fulton Hall) and Atrium Gallery (Guerrieri University Center) comprise a regional, membership-supported free arts resource.

The **Guerrieri University Center** supports the mission of the University by helping create and sustain an ambience where all members of our community, and students in particular, are provided the opportunity, encouragement and support necessary to better realize their potential as individuals and scholars. The center provides myriad opportunities for students, as well as others, to realize the many dimensions of the University mission statement, including clarity of expression, cultural diversity, responsible citizenship, social interaction and community service.

Guerrieri University Center facilities include lounges, meeting rooms, games room, Information Desk, Gull's Nest Pub and Eatery, Student Affairs Office, Office of New Student Experience, Facilities Reservations, Conference Services, Career Services, Student Counseling Services, Multiethnic Student Services, Events Services, Atrium Gallery, student radio station WSUR, student newspaper *The Flyer* and offices of student organizations. An automated teller machine (ATM) is conveniently located just outside the north entrance.

**Holloway Hall**, the administrative office building of the University, contains most administrative offices; history, psychology and English faculty offices; some classrooms; and the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business. Holloway Hall also houses a modern 776-seat auditorium and the Social Room.

The **Indoor Tennis Center**, located on Milford Street near the Power Professional Building, includes three tennis courts, lobby area, pro shop, showers and

locker rooms. Recreational play, varsity team use, membership times and organized league play are available seven days a week throughout the year.

The **International House**, adjacent to the campus, serves as the residence for four students and provides a focal point for internationally oriented activities of international and native students, faculty and administrators.

The **International Students' Residence**, on the northeast corner of Camden and College avenues, provides residence-hall-style housing for seven international students and a house manager.

The Office of **Information Technology** is located on the first and second floors of Fulton Hall. Information Technology is responsible for the administrative computer system, the campus network, and the residence hall network (ResNet). The administrative computer system is a Compaq/Digital Equipment Corporation VAX running the SCT/IA suite of products. Academic computing is supported by a Novell 4.11/5.x network operating system. The Novell campus network system provides GroupWise e-mail and Netscape Internet access across the campus, as well as access in the computing laboratories to many classroom/instructional software packages. Seven general purpose PC and Macintosh computer labs are located in the following buildings: Fulton Hall, Devilbiss Hall, Guerrieri Center and the Power Professional Building. These labs provide a setting for instruction as well as open use to faculty and students. In addition, Information Technology provides Internet access to students housed in residence halls who own computers that are equipped with network interface cards and to students in Dogwood Village via modem.

The **Learning Center**, located in Caruthers Hall, provides a range of services for students needing academic assistance including diagnostic testing, individual and small-group tutoring, self-paced learning programs, and formal courses in basic skill areas of reading, writing, mathematics and study techniques. The center is open daily for walk-in or referral visits.

**Maggs Physical Activities Center** includes a large arena, swimming pool, dance studio, Nautilus room, strength room, classrooms, offices, large multipurpose gymnasium, three racquetball courts, varsity and intramural locker rooms, training room, equipment room and reception area.

The **Maintenance Building** (Physical Plant) houses Central Stores, the Motor Pool Office, as well as maintenance personnel.

**Outdoor Athletics Facilities** include a multi-use stadium; varsity fields for baseball, field hockey, soccer and softball; practice fields; an all-weather, 400-meter track; lighted intramural fields; two sand volleyball courts; and 12 tennis courts featuring plexi-pave surfaces with six lighted for night play. The baseball diamond features an AstroTurf infield, the only one in the state.

The **Philosophy House**, adjacent to campus on College Avenue, is home to the Philosophy Department, a small philosophy library, and classroom and study areas.

The **Power Professional Building**, located by the athletics fields on the east campus, houses laboratories and offices for medical technology, nursing and respiratory therapy; offices for computer science, mathematics and military science; classrooms; a computer lab; and the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture.

The **President's Residence** is situated on a 4 1/2-acre expanse, linked to the Alumni House and Bellavance Honors Center, opposite the Holloway Hall entrance.

The **Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture**, formed in 1982, is dedicated to preserving the uniqueness of the history and culture of the Delmarva Peninsula, serving as a history laboratory for University students as well as a resource for other scholars and researchers. Collections include private papers, letters, diaries, business and land records, oral histories and folklife studies from and about Delmarva. The Nabb Research Center is in the Power Professional Building and is open five days per week, year round.

**Residence Halls** offer students a variety of living environments and lifestyle options. Pocomoke and Wicomico halls house freshman men, Manokin and Nanticoke halls house freshman women. Coeducational facilities include Chesapeake, Chester, Chopbank, St. Martin and Severn halls. Dogwood Village, a modular housing complex, consists of 14 buildings, each housing 10 students in single rooms. The halls feature lounges offering television, conversational groupings and study areas as well as laundry and vending facilities.

**Student Health Services**, located in the south end of Holloway Hall, includes a waiting room, four treatment rooms, a combined utility room/laboratory and two offices.

The **University Police Building**, situated at the Route 13 entrance, houses the Environmental Safety Office, the Telecommunications Office, as well as University Police.

## Centers and Institutes

### Project Management Group

The **Project Management Group** (PMG), an entity of the Perdue School of Business, offers consulting services to a variety of clients including private businesses, government agencies, non-profit and community organizations. PMG works on applied research and analysis projects with an emphasis on market research through its **Mid-Atlantic Sales and Marketing Institute** (MASMI) and international business development through its **European American Business Institute** (EABI).

The PMG runs the Eastern Shore office of the **Maryland Export Assistance Network** (MEAN), a service of the Office of International Business—Maryland's Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED). MEAN provides companies in the eight Eastern Shore counties with international business, trade and investment assistance by combining local, state and federal resources.

Through the **Enterprise Development Group** (EDG), the PMG acts as the "entrepreneurial arm of SSU," providing one-stop-shopping access to the University's technology, know-how and other outreach assets. The EDG is also the technical assistance center for all on-campus enterprise development activities. The group continually scans the external environment, identifies community needs, and brings individuals and/or campus outreach entities together with our partners in the community.

### Business Resource Center

The Perdue School's **Business Resource Cen-**

ter (BRC) supports economic development and business on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and, in a broader context, the Delmarva Peninsula. The BRC consists of three key organizations which cover the full spectrum of support to business and economic development:

The **Small Business Development Center** (SBDC) is a joint federal (Small Business Administration) and state program and is part of a national network of centers. It provides expert counsel and training programs to small businesses and to individuals who want to start a new business. The SBDC serves all counties in Maryland's Eastern Shore and has offices in Wye Mills as well as Salisbury.

The **Perdue Center for Professional Development** (PCPD) provides quality education and training programs for regional business owners and other professionals using academic resources and existing business expertise. The PCPD also provides business consulting on a contract basis complementary to that provided by the SBDC and employing academic resources through the ABL program.

The **Lower Shore Manufacturing Network** (LSMN) stimulates and facilitates the development, application and commercialization of existing and emerging technologies on the Lower Eastern Shore. The LSMN coordinates the efforts of the manufacturing and business community, the educational system and the government to meet economic development needs. The LSMN is operated under a grant from the Maryland Department of Business and Economic development and supports its Eastern Shore Office of Regional Response. The LSMN works in partnership with **Student Career Development** to build a working relationship between secondary and post-secondary schools in Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties and local manufacturers to develop a "homegrown" work force that will meet the companies' growing needs. Coordinating plant tours for teachers, staff and students, coordinating manufacturing ambassadors with teachers and their classes, placing student or teacher interns into the workplace and facilitating blended instruction into the curriculum are the primary goals of the program.

## Alumni Association

The Alumni Association maintains ties with 26,000 alumni in all 50 states and several foreign countries. Many of these alumni are vigorous supporters of the University through the association.

The association's objectives are to develop and foster an abiding loyalty for Salisbury State University, to promote a professional and ethical spirit that will characterize SSU's alumni members, to encourage participation in all activities that pertain to the betterment and

growth of the University, and to unite Salisbury State alumni and current students.

The University Office of Alumni Relations serves as a liaison between the association, the University and alumni. For information, call 410-543-6042 (toll free at 888-729-2586) or e-mail [alumni@ssu.edu](mailto:alumni@ssu.edu).

## Graduate Council

The Graduate Council is the policy-making and coordinating body for graduate study in the University. The Graduate Council recommends academic policies and procedures to the administration of the University and serves as an advisory board to review appeals on matters concerning the interpretation of regulations governing graduate study and the degree programs. The council approves all changes in the graduate curriculum, evaluates trends in graduate education, and makes recommendations to the administration concerning the mission of graduate education and the utilization of resources within the University to meet the needs of its graduate constituency.

The Graduate Council consists of the University provost, the dean of admissions and the registrar (all ex officio); one member from each of the graduate programs in education, English, history, psychology, business and nursing; one member elected at large from the graduate faculty of the Henson School of Science and Technology; and two members elected at large from the graduate faculty of those departments which do not have master's degree programs in the Fulton School of Liberal Arts and the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies.

## Graduate Student Association

The Graduate Student Association helps to promote social, academic and professional opportunities for all graduate students at Salisbury State University. The GSA also acts as a liaison between the Graduate Council (the administrative and graduate faculty governing body of graduate programs) and the graduate student body. The GSA works closely with the Graduate Council to promote quality programs and services for graduate students.

The Graduate Student Association at Salisbury State University is a member of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Studies and the Association for the Support of Graduate Students. It is open to all graduate students at the University. The campus address is Salisbury State University, Campus Box 3076, Salisbury, MD 21801. The e-mail address is [gsa@ssu.edu](mailto:gsa@ssu.edu). Information on GSA meetings, activities and services for graduate students is available.