



## PEARL SCHOLARSHIP

Like so many alumni from the Salisbury State Teachers College era, David Pearl's passion is teaching. After an impressive career in education, David '52, along with his wife Carol, was looking to give back to the place where he got his start. After seeing that a former classmate,

Stuart Harrison, made a gift to SU, he was inspired to do the same. "Salisbury Teachers College offered me an opportunity to obtain a college education and to pursue a career as an educator and an officer in the Coast Guard Reserve," explained Pearl. "I have always appreciated [Dr. Blackwell's] and the college's decision to give a young lad of 16 years, who had less than stellar grades, a chance to enroll when other schools had denied admission. Now, I have reached a position when it is time to help others receive the benefits that Salisbury Teachers College gave to me."

Pearl has been able to reconnect with former classmates through his recent involvement and hopes that others will be inspired to do the same. In addition to providing the funds to establish the David L. and Carol M. Pearl Scholarship, the Pearls have asked their children and friends to make gifts to the scholarship fund instead of buying anniversary, birthday or holiday presents.

The Pearls live in Odessa, DE.



## STRONG FOUNDATION

A unique partnership was developed in 2010-2011 between the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. and the Hattie M. Strong Foundation. The Hattie M. Strong Foundation was incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1928, and its primary activity has long been the

administration of loan programs for American college students. The foundation facilitates a grant program in support of projects within the educational field, primarily in Washington, D.C., and normally limited to non-profit organizations. Funding is given to teacher education students.

It was befitting that the Hattie Strong Foundation partnered with Salisbury University on developing a three-year scholarship program with SU's teacher education program in the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies. Members of the Strong Foundation's leadership shared that "the central purpose of our foundation has been to support 'young people of promise.' We feel extremely lucky to have found an educational partner in Salisbury University who knows how to identify, guide and develop the talents of today's most promising and committed young adults. Hattie herself would be deeply pleased with the quality of this year's Strong Scholars enrolled at Salisbury."