Welcome to the 2013 edition of Re:Search. I am excited to present the third issue of Salisbury University’s magazine devoted to the research and scholarly activities of our faculty, staff and students. With each issue, we continue to showcase the impact that research and scholarship has on our ability to provide a distinct and holistic education to our students.

This issue demonstrates the depth and breadth of the commitment our faculty have to their disciplines. For example, by venturing into the wild, our Biological Sciences Department faculty have been able to bring current, real-world examples back into the classroom, which has supplemented their teaching of basic ecological theory. This combination of theory and practice has proven to be an extremely powerful and effective teaching model; we hope to continue expanding opportunities like these across the disciplines moving forward.

Once again, we take great pride in sharing our success in building an exceptional STEM program at Salisbury University. In her Q&A section, Dr. Karen Olmstead, dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology, shares compelling answers and insights into our ability to build strong STEM majors. Dean Olmstead also highlights our ongoing efforts in providing a University-wide support system aimed at bolstering SU’s role in this critically important area.

Salisbury University continues to show its support for the surrounding community, and all of Maryland, through our stewardship of a long-term Title IV-E grant that is dedicated to training social workers across the state, particularly in the area of child welfare. We are proud to be a recognized leader that is helping our state provide the highly trained people and resources needed to increase vital social services for our fellow citizens, especially in rural areas.

I am deeply proud of the continued recognition that our faculty receive internationally. Salisbury University has a nationally recognized history of excellence within the Fulbright program. In this edition, we are excited to highlight a handful of the faculty who received Fulbright awards over the past few years. It is a privilege to share how their efforts abroad have renewed their passion for their discipline once they return to our classrooms.

As you can see, our faculty, staff and students continue to expand the reach of our University both nationally and beyond. Salisbury University is on the forefront of discovering answers to real-world problems and training the future civic and technological leaders of tomorrow. We are a campus that is on the move as our reputation as A Maryland University of National Distinction continues to grow. It is my hope that you will enjoy the following pages and consider becoming more involved in supporting our research efforts.

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