LETTER FROM THE PROVOST

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Welcome to the spring 2015 edition of Re:Search! This fifth issue of Re:Search focuses on the significant impact that innovation, research and scholarship have on our ability to provide SU students a high-quality education. Salisbury University has a reputation for going beyond expectations, whether it’s flipping classrooms; using technology to present content online or through video-conference; applying scholarship to solve real problems locally, statewide or internationally; or working with local medical and business professionals to hone their skills. In this issue, you will read about how we continue to embrace innovation in all aspects of University and community life.

Every issue of Re:Search highlights the outstanding efforts of our faculty as researchers and scholars. We spotlight the work of faculty who presented at the 2014 Research Day and Innovation Showcase. We offer an expanded perspective of the scholarly work of Dr. John Wesley Wright. Dr. Wright is widely recognized for his incredible voice, but here we give a “voice” to his performance as a scholar.

We are pleased to introduce two new administrators who bring new energy and ideas to innovation at SU. Dr. Deb Mathews is the director of our new Office of Innovation in Teaching and Learning. Her role is to bolster faculty efforts to produce inspired teaching and innovative learning opportunities for our students. Dr. Christy Weer is the new dean of the Perdue School of Business. She brings an effective community-focused leadership style to her new role. Her goals include expanding entrepreneurship and broadening the reach of our business graduate programs.

While Salisbury University continues to provide excellent on-campus experiences for students, we are thrilled to highlight three online graduate programs now offered by SU. These master’s programs are the Geographic Information Systems Management (GISM) degree, the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.). These online offerings will provide the same level of excellent instruction and positive student-centered outcomes for which the University is known. Whether online or in a traditional classroom setting, we pride ourselves on academic quality, access to faculty and student service.

In addition to these featured stories, we share many other examples of our faculty, staff and students expanding the reach of Salisbury University through innovation. We are discovering answers to real-world problems, educating the future civic, business and technological leaders of our state and nation, and dedicating ourselves to serving our community. We are a campus on the move!

Thank you for your interest in Salisbury University. I hope to see you on campus soon!

Sincerely,

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