



# ANNUAL REPORT

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the year, 2004-2005, PACE continued to expand on its now familiar buffet of internships (17), 2 student-faculty research teams on Salisbury Revitalization and Recycling, 6 PACE seminars engaging 82 students and 3 survey research projects that created nearly \$30,000 in revenue.

Along with this modest growth, PACE initiated one of its most ambitious new projects, *The Presidential Citizen Scholars Program*. 26 students (out of 32 who started) completed the pilot program of civic immersion in the 3Cs of curriculum, campus and community engagement. Focus group responses were very positive.

The other extensive new initiative is PACE's involvement, coordination and supervision, on this campus, of AASCU's, The American Democracy Project: Civic Engagement in Action. President Janet Dudley-Eshbach attended the initial ADP meeting in Yellowstone National Park and PACE is sponsoring four modules: Public Land Use, Participatory Citizenship, Voting Pedagogies and Strategies, and Democracy in East Europe. A faculty member heads up each module.

Funding for the *Presidential Citizen Scholars Program* was made possible by an \$80,000 award to Professors Harry Basehart and Francis Kane. They received the prestigious University System of Maryland's Wilson H. Elkins Professorship Award in July for their past accomplishments and future expectations of working to bring civic engagement throughout the system. Only one professor from Salisbury University has ever won the award.

Since this was an election year, PACE mounted a registration drive, *Your Vote, Your Voice*, that resulted in 353 new registrants and processed 679 absentee ballots.

In continuing programs, The Paul S. Sarbanes Lecture Series brought to campus the distinguished Democratic House Leader, Nancy Pelosi. Senator Sarbanes accompanied and introduced his colleague and Ms. Pelosi spoke to a packed Holloway Hall Auditorium (700 students, faculty and community members) about issues facing the nation. She was particularly eloquent, however, in telling her own story, the first woman ever to become a congressional leader of a major party. The John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award went this year to Senator Lowell Stoltzfus, Republican Leader in the Maryland Assembly. The award, presented by President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, capped the SU day in Annapolis. The Senator was visited later by a group of students in Annapolis and the award program concluded with his visit to campus with more interaction with our students.

Our Thomas E. Bellavance intern, Owen Jarvis, brought considerable energy to his appointment and helped PACE in nearly every one of its programs; most notably the initiatives with legislators and voting. The hiring of a half-time Administrative Assistant (shared with BEACON) has helped tremendously in the day to day operations of the Institute.

In our planning efforts, we continue to search for sources of funding that would help us continue the work of PACE. Our Survey Research arm continues to bring in revenues that help support our operations. Most importantly, the acquiring of a PIN line for the Managing Director would go a long way in providing stability for the future. The latter support would allow PACE to continue to exist even if other revenue streams dry up.

## **DETAILED ACCOUNT**

### **Organization**

A half-time Administrative Assistant, Angela Meredith, was hired in November 2004 to provide some continuity of staffing in the office. PACE collaborates with Salisbury University's Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON) who also hired her half-time. Angela has an MBA and her expertise in budgeting has helped us tremendously.

### **Awards**

#### *Wilson H. Elkins Professorship*

Drs. Basehart and Kane were awarded the University System of Maryland's prestigious Wilson H. Elkins Professorship for 2004 – 2005. Drs. Basehart and Kane received this award in recognition of their past accomplishments but also to continue their work as co-directors of PACE and, specifically, for PACE's new pilot program, the Presidential Citizen Scholars. The award carried with it a stipend of \$80,000.

The President, Provost and Fulton Dean nominated us for a second year in May of this year.

### **Grants**

#### *Wicomico County Elected Executive Voter Education Grant*

PACE received a grant in the amount of \$5,700 from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore to develop and carryout a voter education program for the referendum to create a Wicomico County Elected Executive. A team, consisting of Maureen McNeil (consultant), Dr. Victor Tervalá, (consultant from the Institute for Governmental Services, University of Maryland College Park), Ms. Gehrich and Dr. Basehart, worked on this project. Several documents were prepared including a one-page list of arguments and a one-page questions and answers. These were published in a Voter's Guide in the Daily Times on October 24 and were posted on a web site. In addition, a Town Hall Meeting was held on October 19.

## PROGRAMS

- *PRESIDENTIAL CITIZEN SCHOLAR PROGRAM*

In an attempt to reach more of our students and to give them an intensive/extensive immersion in civic engagement, we created, with President Janet Dudley-Eshbach's blessing, a new program, *The Presidential Citizen Scholars*. We offered a pilot version of this program this year in which students were engaged in curricular, in campus culture and in community volunteering. The PACE Management Team conducted, throughout the year, citizenship workshops for the participants in which we tried to articulate and make more conscious the dispositions necessary for future civic engagement. A case study and a mock legislative session were particularly well received.

In the opening reception, our President, Janet Dudley-Eshbach, brought a surprise guest, Dr. William E. Kirwan, the University System of Maryland's Chancellor. He offered an inspiring message to the new citizen-scholars. Later in the year, we were privileged to have Dr. George Mehaffy of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) address our students on different models of democracy. 32 SU students participated and 26 of them received the certificate of completion from the President in the closing ceremony in April, 2005.

Ms. Gehrich conducted focus group evaluations after the program and we received enthusiastic endorsements and some good ideas for doing it better in the future.

- *AMERICAN DEMOCRACY PROJECT*

PACE joined a national American Democracy Project which is sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

George Mehaffy, the Director of the project, visited the campus on November 30. Besides his address to the Presidential Citizen Scholars, he also visited with Provost David Buchanan and gave us an enlightening and practical consultation.

### *Assessment Initiative*

PACE is working with SU's Office of Institutional Research and Assessment on an ADP initiative, the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) to examine student attitudes about civic engagement. This project involves a consortium of over 32 participating campuses and over 13,000 students. Salisbury University's data will be combined with results from these other campuses from across the country and the results will be made available to participating universities.

### *Civic Engagement in Action Initiative*

PACE is coordinating and supervising the activities of the campus with regards to this initiative. This initiative is designed to create new opportunities for students to coming together to create solutions for controversial public issues.

President Janet Dudley-Eshbach attended a conference in Yellowstone, Wyoming (June 2 – 5) to develop the framework for this initiative.

Response from faculty has been very supportive and we will be involved in four of their initiatives in the upcoming year. They are:

*Stewardship of Public Lands Module:* Dr. Joan Maloof of the Biology department.

*Participatory Citizenship Module: American Democracy and the Jury System –*  
Dr. Roberta Adams of the Political Science department.

*Democratic Participation: Key Pedagogies and Strategies – Voting Module –* Dr.  
Harry Basehart of the Political Science department and PACE.

*Fostering Democracy in Other Lands Module: East Europe –* Dr. Greg Ference of  
the History department.

- ***PAUL S. SARBANES LECTURE SERIES***

The fourth (now annual) lecture was given by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi on March 4, 2005, in Holloway Hall. Over 700 people attended. Congresswoman Pelosi was particularly eloquent and inspirational to our students when she spoke of what it meant to her to be the first woman in history to be the congressional leader of a major party. As has become his custom, Senator Sarbanes accompanied House Minority Leader Pelosi and, in his introduction, talked about his ties with her family (the D'Alessandros) from Baltimore.

Following the lecture a reception was held in which both Legislators attended. Senator Sarbanes stayed for lunch with a group of students (and other campus representatives) and engaged them in a lively discussion about politics and their future.

Students, particularly PACE's Bellavance Intern, Owen Jarvis, helped plan and facilitate the event.

- ***JOHN R. HARGREAVES DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE FELLOW PROGRAM***

This program recognizes the accomplishments of an outstanding legislator in the Maryland General Assembly and brings the honoree on campus for an opportunity to interact with our students.

This year's honoree, our fourth in the program, was Eastern Shore Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus, State Senate Minority Leader.

At Salisbury University's annual "Day at Annapolis" (January 25), President Janet Dudley-Eshbach presented the award to Senator Stoltzfus. Senator Stoltzfus spoke of his education at Salisbury University and his continuing commitment to its excellence.

On March 8, a group of fourteen students led by Dr. Harry Basehart and Dr. Francis Kane traveled to Annapolis for the day. They attended a committee meeting, had a tour of the legislative buildings, and met with Senator Stoltzfus. The Senator spoke with humor and insight about his involvement in politics and stressed how important it was to get along with both parties, despite very real differences with each other.

On April 27, Senator Stoltzfus visited Salisbury University's campus where he created a lively interaction with students in an introductory Political Science class. Following that class, a reception for him was held at the PACE House. The reception was attended by President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and several students.

- *EASTERN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION DISCUSSION GROUP PROGRAM*  
This on-going program coordinates the activities of 24 students, under faculty supervision, who lead book discussion groups at the Eastern Correctional Institution with inmates. Dr. James Hatley and Dr. Grace Clement of the Philosophy Department are coordinators and supervisors of the program. Dr. Hatley was given a reduced teaching load by Dean O'Rourke to have time to search for funding opportunities.
- *YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE INITIATIVE*  
This program was a continuation of PACE's annual voter registration drive that started with the 2000 presidential election. 353 voter registration forms and 679 absentee ballot applications were processed through PACE's office. Dr. Basehart and his team of College Student Voting Civic Engagement Seminar students (led by Owen Jarvis, the 2004 - 2005 Thomas E. Bellavance Intern) organized and carried out the drive. A follow-up e-mail survey was sent to the students whom we assisted, asking them about their voting experiences.

#### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SEMINARS:**

A number of new courses, both three credit and one credit seminars, were designed around different public policy issues. While the courses were developed primarily for the new Presidential Citizen Scholars Program, they were also open to students throughout the campus. 82 students were involved.

- “Influencing State Policy Project: Teaching Social Work Students to Analyze Policy and to Advocate for Policy Change”: Dr. James Forte of the Social Work department taught this 3 credit civic engagement seminar (spring semester). 33 students took the class and they presented their work at the Salisbury University’s Undergraduate Research Conference.
- “Assessing Voter Awareness”: Dr. Creston Long of the History department taught a one credit civic engagement seminar to 10 students who studied voting information patterns among young people.
- “Land Use on Delmarva”: Dr. Margaret Foraker of the Geography department taught a one credit civic engagement seminar to 7 students who studied development issues in the small town of Milton, Delaware.
- “End of Life Ethics: Advanced Directives”: Dr. Francis Kane, of the Philosophy department and PACE and Mrs. Mary Kane of the Nursing department taught a one credit civic engagement seminar to 9 students who learned about advanced directives and then offered their expertise to several community groups, including Shore Up.

- “The Rhetoric of the Presidential Debates”: Dr. Elizabeth Curtin and Dr. Thomas Moriarty of the English department taught a one credit civic engagement seminar in the fall semester to seven students who listened together and reflected on the presidential debates.
- “College Student Voting”: Dr. Basehart taught the one credit civic engagement seminar (fall semester) to 16 students who were the core group in the PACE “Your Voice, Your Vote” campaign.

## **FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH TEAMS**

Six students with a credit hour production of 18 credits have worked on these projects.

- *Rhetoric of Downtown Revitalization*  
In the fall, Dr. Thomas Moriarty, English department, worked with three students on a research project with Urban Salisbury focusing on the rhetorical challenges faced by the group as they work to bring new life to downtown Salisbury.
- *Salisbury Recycling Project*  
In the fall, Dr. Joan Maloof, Biology department, worked with three students on cardboard recycling as a research project for the City of Salisbury. They presented their findings to a joint group consisting of city and county recycling administrators.

## **SURVEY RESEARCH**

PACE was involved in three survey research projects, employing 29 students which brought in nearly \$30,000 in revenue.

- *Talbot Partnership for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention.*  
Dr. Basehart and a team of 15 students (led by Tony Cirillo, PACE’s Student Survey Research Coordinator) worked on this project.  
PACE received \$10,496 for completion of the project.
- *Nanticoke Watershed Alliance Survey*  
Dr. Basehart and a team of 17 students (also led by Tony Cirillo) developed and analyzed a survey on the opinions of Wicomico County residents with regards to environmental issues.  
PACE received \$11,049 for completion of the project.

- *Worcester County Family Needs Survey*  
Dr. Marvin Tossey, Social Work department and Center for Family and Community Development, contracted with PACE to conduct telephone interviews to study the opinions of Worcester County residents who have children at home under the age of 18. Dr. Basehart and a team of 8 students (led by Sandra Stoner, PACE's new Student Survey Research Coordinator) worked on this project. PACE received \$7,665 for completion of the project.

## **STUDENT INTERNSHIPS**

PACE offered internships for 17 students.

- *The Thomas E. Bellavance Internship*  
Recognizes the contribution of a distinguished student to public service and offers the student honoree a stipend and the opportunity to work with PACE on public policy issues.  
The fourth year honoree was Owen Jarvis. Mr. Jarvis was involved with the staff in developing, organizing, and running PACE programs. He was particularly involved with the fall voter registration program and bringing speakers to campus.
- *City and Town Internships*  
Fruitland City Manager's Office: Corey Unangst  
Ocean City Mayor's Office: Brian Milsted  
Ocean City Mayor's Office: Josh Hastings
- *Political Internships*  
Congressman Gilcrest's Salisbury Office: Marc Yosua  
Governor's Summer Internship: Amy Anderson  
Maryland Senator Alex Mooney's Office: David Engelman  
Senator Thomas Carper's Office: Carla Pini
- *Community Internships*  
BEACON's Bienvenidos Program: Chelsea Aston  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation: Jen Lawless  
Daily Times: Laura D'Alessandro  
League of Conservation Voters: Trisha Benton  
National Rifle Association, Institute for Legislative Action: Monet Whaley  
Salisbury Chamber of Commerce: Adam Felch
- *Legal Internships*  
Law Firm of Bill Hudson: Ashley Mariner  
Law Firm of Hearne and Bailey: Mary Olds  
Law Firm of Marc Zeve: Matt Farr  
Office of Judge Groton: Rachel Blevins

## FORUMS AND LECTURES

- *Nancy Henrietta Visit*  
Nancy Henrietta visited the campus on September 20 and gave a lecture to students in a Presidential Elections Class. She is on the staff of the Commission on Presidential Debates and is a Salisbury University alumna.
- *Jerry Bruno Visit*  
Jerry Bruno visited the campus on September 27 and gave a lecture to students in a Presidential Elections Class. He spoke from his experiences as a campaign manager in Robert Kennedy's run for president.
- *Larry Sabato Lecture*  
Nationally known political commentator and University of Virginia professor, Larry Sabato, spoke to a full Holloway Hall Auditorium on October 11. In his lecture entitled, "Sabato's Crystal Ball: Election 2004", he gave his prognosis of the upcoming election, predicting (accurately) that Ohio would be the deciding state.
- *Senator Thomas Carper Visit*  
Senator Carper visited the campus on March 7 and attended a lunch with seven students, three faculty and President Janet Dudley-Eshbach.  
Later he attended a press conference and announced his internship program in collaboration with PACE and Salisbury University.  
Following the press conference he spoke to an American National Government class in a lively exchange about politics and the state of the nation.
- *City Council Candidates and Mayoral Debate*  
PACE co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters and Public Access Channel 14 the Salisbury Election Debate for city council and mayor positions (March 10). The debate was carried live on Channel 14 and rerun extensively in the days leading up to the election.
- *Thomas Hoyer Lecture*  
Thomas Hoyer visited the campus on April 26 and gave a lecture on "Public Policy Issues in Hospice Care." PACE collaborated with Coastal Hospice on the arrangements for this lecture.
- *Bill McKibben Lecture*  
Bill McKibben, world renowned speaker and writer on environmental issues spoke, on April 27, to a packed Great Hall audience of students, faculty and community members.  
PACE collaborated with the Philosophy department in sponsoring the lecture.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

- *Shriver Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore County*  
PACE coordinated with the Center, Salisbury University's application process for the Governor's Summer Internship Program. Amy Anderson, a Political Science major, was awarded one of these internships for summer, 2005.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES BY DIRECTORS**

- Dr. Basehart attended the American Democracy Project's First Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico (August 1 – 3).
- Dr. Basehart attended the Mid-West Political Science Meeting in Chicago (April 7 - 10).
- Dr. Basehart, Dr. Kane and Ms. Gehrlich attended the American Democracy Project's Second Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon (June 16 – 18). They presented a poster session on the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program.

## **PUBLICITY**

- Articles appeared in local newspapers on House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's visit to campus, on Maryland Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus' visit to campus, on the awarding of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award, on the awarding of the Wilson H. Elkins Award, on the Coastal Hospice lecture, on Larry Sabato's lecture, on the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program, on Senator Carper's visit to campus, on our Voter Registration Drive, and on the City Council Candidates Debate.
- Articles appeared in the "Fulton Exchange" on House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's visit to campus, on Maryland Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus' visit to campus, on the Bellavance Internship, on our Voter Registration Drive, on SU Day in Annapolis, on the awarding of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award, on the ECI program, on the awarding of the Wilson H. Elkins Award, and on the American Democracy Project.
- Articles appeared in the SU News on House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's visit to campus, on Maryland Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus' visit to campus, on the awarding of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award, on SU Day in Annapolis, on CES proposals, on the awarding of the Wilson H. Elkins Award, on the Governor's Summer Internship program, on Larry Sabato's Lecture, on the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program, and on Senator Carper's visit to campus.

- Articles appeared in the Salisbury University Flyer on House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's visit to campus, on Maryland Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus' visit to campus, on the awarding of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award, on the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program, on Senator Carper's visit to campus, and on our Survey Research.
- Announcement's appeared in Salisbury University's eSU News on House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's visit to campus, on Maryland Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus' visit to campus, on the awarding of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award, on Senator Carper's visit to campus, on the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program, on the Governor's Summer Internship program, on SU Day in Annapolis, on the Coastal Hospice Lecture, and on the City Council Candidates Debate.
- An article appeared in the SU Fact Sheet on the Wilson H. Elkins Award.
- An announcement appeared in the SU Alumni Newsletter on the awarding of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award.
- Articles appeared in the SU Magazine on SU Day in Annapolis and on the awarding of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award.
- PACE published its fourth and fifth newsletters (December 2004 and June 2005).
- An article appeared in the *Baltimore Sun* on House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's visit to campus.
- An article appeared in the SU Annual Report on the ECI program.

## **PROPOSALS SUBMITTED**

### *Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation –*

PACE submitted a letter of inquiry for \$150,000 for funding for a two-year version of the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program (2005 – 2007).

The proposal was not funded.

### *Grayce B. Kerr Fund*

PACE submitted a proposal for \$150,000 for funding for a two-year version of the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program (2005 – 2007).

The proposal was not funded.

### *Palmer Foundation*

PACE submitted a letter of intent for \$12,350 for funding of one year of the Faculty Student Research Projects (2005 – 2006).

They have asked us to submit a full grant application.

### *Wilson H. Elkins Professorship Award*

Salisbury University's President Janet Dudley-Eshbach nominated Drs. Basehart and Kane for this \$80,000 award for the second time (2005 – 2006).

Drs. Basehart and Kane received this award to develop and implement the first full year of the two-year President Citizen Scholar Program, and for the proposal's promise of direct involvement with students, the potential to continue to move SU forward in an exciting new direction and the promise of System-wide impact. These funds will be used to fund the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program for 2005 – 2006.

## **PLANNING**

- Discussions with the Dean and Provost about future funding of PACE
- Search for additional sources of funding from grants, endowments and university support.
- Look to increase the involvement of students in the program and to get PACE more directly involved with the curriculum.

<b>July 1, 2004 - Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$154,352</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Operations and Programs</b>		
Donations		
Sarbanes Lecture Series	\$500	
PACE Operations	\$255	
Bellavance Internship	\$1,000	
Wilson H. Elkins Professorship Award (Year I: 2004 - 2005)	\$80,000	
ECI Income - book sales	\$1,204	
Interest	\$542	
Faculty Student Research Projects	\$598	
Survey Research Program Fees	\$35,411	
Lectures and Forums	\$478	
University Allocation (to PACE)	\$57,689	
Fulton Sch. - Reassigned Time	\$15,166	
Download Fall 2004		
Download Spring 2005		
Grant Overhead Return - Md DNR Grant (Fall 2003 - Feb. 2004)	\$588	
<b>Grants</b>		
Grant - Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore - Wicomico Election Official Voter Education (Fall 2004)	\$5,700	
Misc	\$219	
<b>TOTAL Income</b>		<b>\$199,350</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Operations</b>		
Staff Salaries - Mg. Dir & Administrative Support	\$70,951	
Co-Directors - Reassigned time	\$15,166	
Downloads Fall 2004		
Downloads Spring 2005		
Wilson H. Elkins Professorship Award Stipends	\$28,075	
Operations Costs	\$13,868	
SU Foundation Yearly Fee	\$1,568	
<b>Programs</b>		
Bellavance Internship Program	\$2,572	
Civic And Government Leadership Academy	\$2,888	
Civic Engagement Seminar	\$7,218	
College Student Voting Program	\$1,051	
ECI Discussion Group Program	\$454	
Faculty Student Research Projects	\$6,978	
Hargreaves Legislative Fellow Program	\$112	
Lectures and Forums Program	\$5,231	
Sarbanes Lecture Series	\$2,119	
Survey Research Program	\$20,995	
<b>Grants</b>		
Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore Grant - Wicomico Election Official Voter Education (Fall 2004)	\$4,753	
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>		<b>\$184,000</b>
<b>July 1, 2005 - Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$169,702</b>