



Salisbury University

Parent News

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Academic Calendar and Important Dates

Spring 2008

- March 17-23 – Spring Break
- March 24 –
Classes Resume after Spring Break
- April 4 –
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes
- May 2 – Honors Convocation
- May 9 – Last Day of Classes
- May 10 – Reading Day
- May 12-16 – Final Exams
- May 16 –
Residence Halls Close at 5 p.m.
- May 17 – Commencement

Family Weekend 2007



The Salisbury University campus was host to parents, step parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings for an exciting Family Weekend last September.

There was incredible turnout for all the events including a family weekend golf challenge; faculty and student life presentations; home athletic events; brunch with the president, provost and vice presidents of the University; and a post-football game ice cream social next to the new Sammy the Sea

Gull statue. There also was great entertainment including Mentalist Robert Channing, our own student showcase of talent and a Jazz Brunch.

Family Weekend 2008 planning is underway so mark your calendars now—it is not to be missed. Visit the Family Weekend Web site at www.salisbury.edu/parents/familyweekend to see updates as the planning unfolds. We look forward to seeing you the weekend of **October 31-November 2, 2008!**

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Financial Aid and You

by Barri Zimmerman, Director of Financial Aid

Welcome to 2008! The beginning of a new year is a time for reflection on the past and renewal for the future. In the world of financial aid a new year means a new opportunity to seek financial assistance to help offset the expenses associated with a college education.

The time is now for filing a new or renewal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2008-2009 academic year. Deadlines for priority funding are approaching fast. Please note that it is not necessary to have completed your 2007 income taxes before filing the FAFSA. Estimates of family income are acceptable for the initial filing and can be updated once tax returns are completed. Filing the FAFSA will open doors to many types of financial aid including federal student and parent loans, grants, and scholarship opportunities.

At SU, the priority-funding deadline for the 2008-2009 academic year is March 1. If

your student is a Maryland resident, there is an even greater necessity to file now given the filing deadline for funding from the Maryland Higher Education Commission is also March 1.

The FAFSA can be filed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If your family filed a FAFSA online for the 2007-2008 academic year, you will find that much of your demographic information has been stored in the FAFSA database to ease the renewal process. You may want to print out the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet before beginning the process of filing online. This form will help you anticipate and prepare for the questions that will be asked during the process.

In addition to the ease of renewal, filing the FAFSA online has many other advantages including the following:

- Faster processing time.
- Fewer errors and rejected applications as a result of internal

edits that ensure required fields are completed and conflicts are resolved before submission.

- Skip logic which helps shorten the form by allowing applicants to skip over questions that do not pertain to them.
- Availability of online help.

The staff in the Financial Aid Office at SU are always available as a resource should you have any questions or concerns about the financial aid process. Students currently attending SU who file the FAFSA for the 2008-2009 academic year will receive information regarding their financial aid packages via e-mail in early June after spring grades are posted. Please refer to our Web site—www.salisbury.edu/admissions/finaid—or call 410-543-6165 for further information.

SU Success Story

Involvement. Organized. Driven. Positive. Successful. These are all words to describe Salisbury University senior Melissa Shriver. In her four years here, Melissa has without a doubt left her mark on the University.

While majoring in psychology and minoring in statistics, Melissa has also made campus involvement a top priority. She has been an active participant in Relay For Life, Leash on Life and Sea Gull Century, while also working as a New Student Orientation peer leader, a University host and a psychology tutor—just to name a few! Melissa has always thought ahead to her future and utilized the various job and internship fairs on campus to build her resume with the help of Career Services.

Thanks in part to Melissa's accomplishments and involvement at Salisbury, she has been accepted into graduate school at Marist College in New York. She will be working toward her master's degree and certification in school psychology with the hope of one day working with children to provide early intervention in their times of need. As Melissa gets ready to leave SU and embark on her next journey, she reflects on her time as a Salisbury Sea Gull.



Q: What made you choose Salisbury in the first place?

Melissa: I chose Salisbury because of the friendly atmosphere that I encountered when visiting the campus! I visited Salisbury about five times before coming here as a freshman. I noticed how the students were always willing to say "hi" and speak with you and the teachers always want to help you succeed! The small class sizes were a major plus because I wanted to be a name and not a number. One cannot forget about the food at Salisbury either! It is amazing and always different; you will never go hungry here!

Q: How do you think Salisbury has helped you?

Melissa: I came into Salisbury as a shy and quiet freshman, but Salisbury has let me grow into the person that I am because of all the support. I was able to develop connections in the campus community by participating in many different activities. These connections helped me when it came time to apply for grad school and work. Getting involved in so many different activities also helped me learn the very important concepts of time management and organization!

Q: How will you remember Salisbury?

Melissa: I will remember Salisbury as a very important part of my life. I know I made the right decision to come here and will never forget it. I will always remember the beautiful campus, the very helpful professors and the friendly students. I will remember how Salisbury was always offering a warm atmosphere and encouraging me to get involved. I will definitely miss Salisbury, but I will always be an SU Sea Gull at heart wherever I may go!

Understanding IM Lingo 101

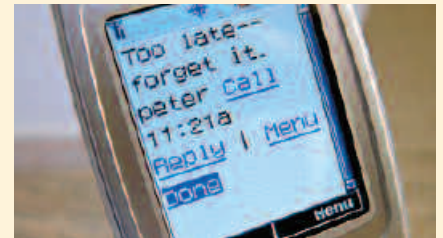
Now that your son or daughter is away from home and back at school there is a good chance you will need to “text” or “IM” each other to keep in touch. You may be afraid that your son or daughter is speaking to you in a different language once you see all of the abbreviations and “text lingo” being sent your way! Well, this is your chance to get up to speed and learn the “lingo.” Here is our cheat sheet to help you impress your child with the next “text” you send.



text ➡	text message
IM ➡	instant message
lol ➡	laugh out loud
idk ➡	I don't know
ttyl ➡	talk to you later
imo ➡	in my opinion
l8r ➡	later
jk ➡	just kidding
pls or plz ➡	please
lyl ➡	love ya lots
brb ➡	be right back
omg ➡	oh my gosh
bbl ➡	be back later
sry ➡	sorry
btw ➡	by the way
tmi ➡	too much information
g2g or gtg ➡	got to go
pos ➡	parent over shoulder
bff ➡	best friend forever
rotf ➡	roll on the floor
bf or gf ➡	boyfriend or girlfriend
nvm ➡	nevermind

Now here is the real test. Can you decipher what this sentence means?
“cu l8r @ 9 kul? Should b a gr8 mvie 2 c! l8r.”

If you guessed: “See you later at 9, cool? Should be a great movie to see! Later” then you have passed the test and are ready to start using “text lingo.” If you still need a little practice, check out www.transl8it.com where you can translate English to lingo or lingo to English!
GL! (Good luck!)



Student Safety by Chief Edwin L. Lashley, Chief of University Police



Salisbury University Police recognizes that every student must be provided a safe environment to fully benefit academically and socially from his or her college experience. University Police employs 17 full-time, certified police officers. The department manages many crime prevention programs and has received the prestigious Governor's Crime Prevention Award every year since 1995. The award is presented to law enforcement agencies in the state of Maryland for outstanding efforts in the development and implementation of programs to prevent and control crime.

Specific information regarding crime prevention initiatives can be found on our Web page at www.salisbury.edu/police. Some highlights include:

- Rape Aggression Defense Training (RAD)—students can register to receive free defense training geared to prevent rapes or minimize trauma associated with the act of rape.
- An escort service is provided to anyone who feels uncomfortable walking alone on campus or to nearby off-campus locations during hours of darkness.
- Recently, University Police developed the Campus Watch initiative which encourages all members of the campus community to report suspicious activity by dialing #787 on a Verizon cell phone.
- “Blue light” emergency phones are strategically located throughout the campus.

The police Web page also includes crime tips that offer recommendations for after-dark activities to include protecting property and person.

Salisbury University Police along with internal campus partners recently implemented the Emergency Alert System. The system is designed to alert and provide instructional information to the campus community during a catastrophic emergency. Students can register to receive emergency notification and instruction via cell phone text messaging or voice messaging. All

students are encouraged to sign up to receive emergency alerts on their cellular telephone by visiting www.salisbury.edu/emergency/notification.html to register.

An emergency siren system was also purchased and installed at pre-determined locations so that the siren may be heard campus wide. The siren has a distinct sound, unique to the University. When the siren is activated, it is followed by a pre-recorded instructional voice message.

Training with allied police departments takes place periodically in an effort to procure organized ancillary support during a serious emergency. The University's Emergency Preparedness Manual was recently updated and a successful tabletop exercise was conducted with participation from the Wicomico County Emergency Services Department.

Parents can encourage students to enroll in safety and crime prevention programs that are deemed most appropriate for the individual student. The police Web page is perhaps the most proficient means for parents to receive current information regarding campus safety. Parents are also strongly encouraged to contact University Police at 410-543-6222 to express concerns or ask questions regarding campus safety.

My Mom Always Said.... Summer Jobs, Internships and Career Services Job Fair

By Megan Armor (Communication Arts Major, May 2008 Graduate)

When I was a sophomore my parents nagged me about a summer job ...

When I was a junior, my parents nagged me about an internship ...

When I was a senior, my parents nagged me about a "real" job ...

... turns out my parents were right!

Now that I am a senior, it turns out ...

I learned about working at my summer job (it was no fun at all). I got experience in my major field through two internships. I studied diverse cultures in Salisbury's study abroad program, and I practice networking skills at SU's job fairs. So, maybe it will be okay because I did a few things right!

Career Services hosts five job fairs during the spring semester to help all students gain experience and head toward the right path.

Spring 2008 General Job/Internship Fair

Tuesday, February 26, Noon-4 p.m.

2008 Summer/Part-Time Job/Internship Fair

Tuesday, March 11, 2-6 p.m.

2008 Education Job Fair

(in conjunction with UMES)

Thursday, March 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

2008 Health Careers Job Fair

(with Partners in Respiratory Care Conference hosted at SU)

Wednesday, March 12, 2-5 p.m.

Graduate School Fair

(part of NCUR activities)

Thursday, April 10, 1-5 p.m.

Learn more about each fair at www.salisbury.edu/careerservices.

Family Weekend Photos

September 28-30, 2007



Activities Calendar

Check out what is happening at SU!

www.salisbury.edu/calendar