### MY CAMPUS: 1997 vs. 2014

**How much have things changed in the last 17 years?**

Alumni Relations and Gift Development Director Jayme Block '97 and Katherine Mooney '14 compared and contrasted their experiences at Salisbury University.

| **How did you sign-up for classes?** | Jayme: I filled out a paper form that my advisor reviewed and signed, then took the form to the Registrar’s Office in Holloway Hall and hoped I’d get the classes I needed. A few times, after I got my schedule, I would have to talk to the professors into letting me into the classes I needed.  
Katherine: We used GullNet—an online site—to sign up for classes. It’s fast, easy to use, and you can tell right away whether or not they have space in the classes you want. |
| **When living on campus, how did you call home to check in with your family members?** | Jayme: I only lived on campus for my freshman year, but for that year I had a phone in my dorm room. We had to put money on our account to be able to call out, and there were a few times that I would run out of money in the middle of a conversation and hear a dial tone. Hello? Mom?  
Katherine: I would Skype pretty often. I remember when my mom and dad dropped me off on move-in day, my mom made me swear that I would Skype her almost every day. Of course that never happened. |
| **How many electronic devices did you use socially or for academic purposes?** | Jayme: I used a computer to write my papers, and I had to use the ones in the computer labs from time to time when mine went on the fritz. I went to the basement of Caruthers Hall a few times to e-mail or to look on the Internet, but most of the time I just could not justify walking across campus to the computer lab to write an e-mail when I could just call someone.  
Katherine: I always had a smartphone and a laptop during my time at Salisbury, and I used things like the Blackboard Mobile app, an online resource for faculty to post information—assignments, grades, discussion boards—for my different classes. |
| **Where did you get most of your information for research papers?** | Jayme: Being a history major, I was in the library a lot of the time. I used primary sources, books, microfiche, microfilm and periodicals, and I went to the Nabb Research Center once or twice. There really wasn’t any other way to do research at that time.  
Katherine: Our library is fantastic, providing hundreds of online databases that students can use to find anything and everything. I always started there and—when I got desperate—I resorted to Google! |
| **During your time living on campus, what dining choices were available?** | Jayme: I had the full meal plan, meaning I would either eat at Ruth Powell Dining Hall or the Gull’s Nest. The dining hall was a great place to hang out, but the food could have been a little better. Toward the end of my college experience, they built the Commons, which was awesome.  
Katherine: When I was living on campus, you had three options for the meal plan. “A” was unlimited meals and $250 Dining Dollars (which I still call the “overprotective mom plan”); “B” was unlimited meals but did not include Dining Dollars; and the “C” plan was 10 meals a week along with $250 dining dollars. For the two years I lived on campus, I had the “C” meal plan, which I guess is the “underprotective mom plan.” |
| **How did you communicate with your professors?** | Jayme: I would talk to my professors in person before or after class, or I would go to see them during their office hours.  
Katherine: “E-mail is your primary form of communication for the University.” This phrase has been hammered into our memories since my first day of classes as a freshman. |
| **What kind of laundry facilities were on campus for students to use?** | Jayme: We had three washers and three dryers in the basement of Wicomico Hall. They worked—for the most part. I remember coming to campus with tons of quarters, detergent and dryer sheets so I could do laundry. It was always a process because you wanted to time it just right so you could be in the laundry room when the washer finished and put your clothes right into the dryer, then you wanted to make sure they dried well enough on only one cycle. It seemed like that never happened. Time for more quarters.  
Katherine: One of the best features of living on campus at SU was the free laundry. There are washers and dryers in every dorm that dispense detergent for you—you just have to provide dryer sheets. They even send you a text when they’re finished drying! |
| **What kind of technology did professors use while teaching in the classroom?** | Jayme: Most of my professors used an overhead projector or the good old TV/VCR on a cart to watch movies. I still have nightmares about the squeaking sound the old wheels on the carts made.  
Katherine: The level of technology the University provides is amazing, from interactive whiteboards to high-definition projectors. Even the classrooms are “smart” now. |
| **What was your favorite memory during your time at Salisbury?** | Jayme: I have a lot of great memories. I made a lot of friends with genuine people and I am still very close to many of them today—including my wife. I wouldn’t trade my Salisbury experience for anything. The opportunity that I was given to be a part of a tremendous University and the men’s lacrosse program that won several national championships was one I could not get anywhere else.  
Katherine: I have had so many amazing memories at SU from the last three-and-a-half years. One of my favorites was the Homecoming Pep Rally during freshman year. I had just joined the Student Government Association and was still new to the organization, but seeing how many people participated still sticks in my mind to this day. It was such a cool display of school spirit and I am hoping we can bring that spirit back every year! |
The Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. celebrated its 40th anniversary on Wednesday, December 4. SU President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach spoke at an Eastern Shore Reception that welcomed past and current Foundation board members and their families. Created in 1973 by Avery W. Hall, Marshall Moore and Robert B. Davis with gifts of $100 each, the SU Foundation raises, invests and contributes funds to advance the University’s mission. The first board of directors of the Foundation included the son of a former governor, local business leaders, educators and other notable professionals from the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Starting with an initial income statement of $1,407.48 in 1976, the Foundation now boasts more than $62 million in assets. “I am so thankful to have the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. in place to help our great University,” Dudley-Eshbach said in her remarks. “The leadership and insight over the past 40 years from our board of directors have truly lived the Foundation’s 40th anniversary tagline: Building Excellence for 40 Years.”